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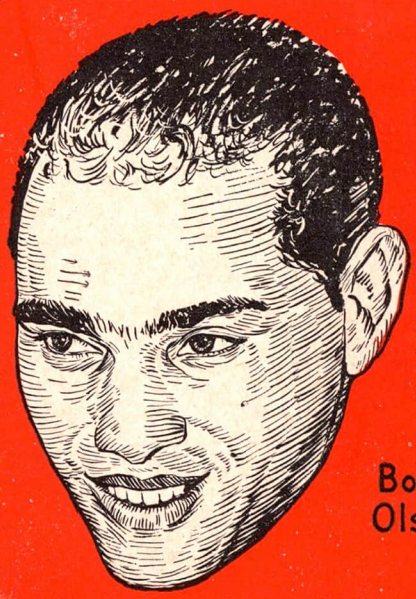

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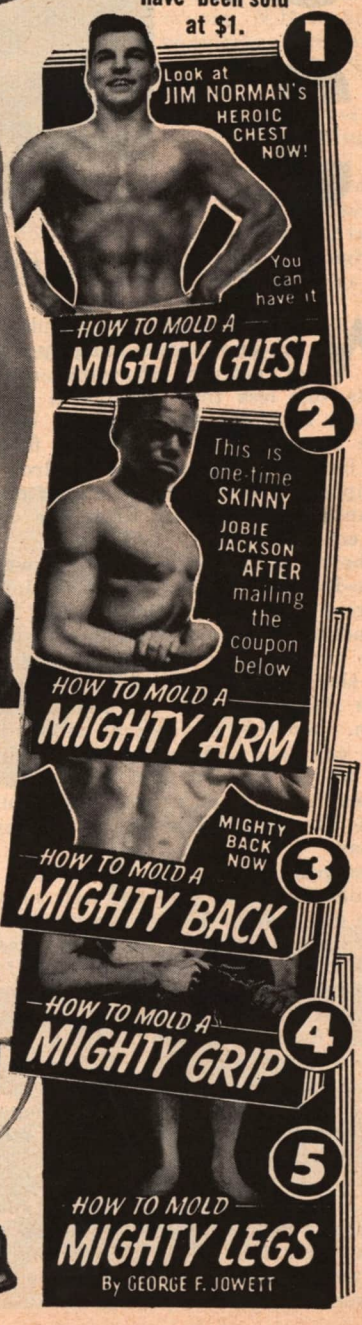

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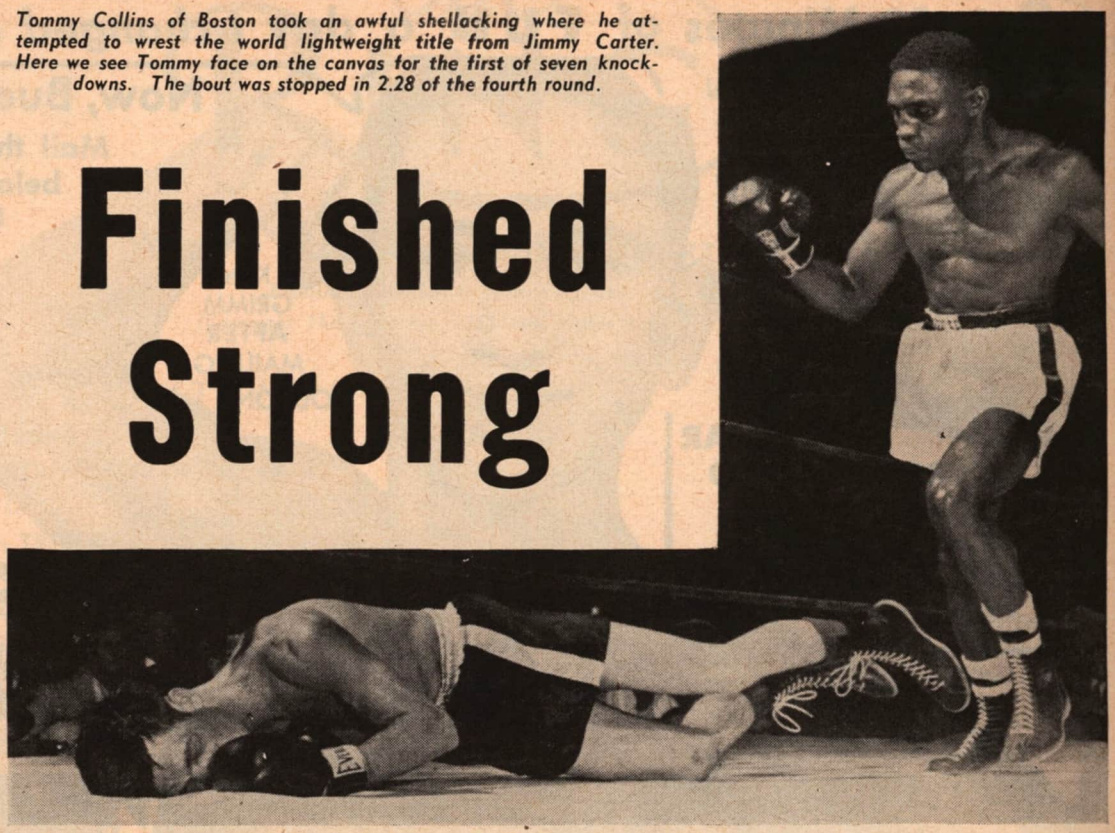

Tommy Collins of Boston took an awful shellacking where he attempted to wrest the world lightweight title from Jimmy Carter. Here we see Tommy face on the canvas for the first of seven knockdowns. The bout was stopped in 2.28 of the fourth round.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WHAT started out as a discouraging year for boxing ended in a bang-up climax primarily because of activity of world champions. Fifteen title fights, one less than were held during 1952, changed the outlook as the year neared its end and gave rise to the hope that the new year would find boxing back where it was before TV caused a heavy drop in attendance and gate receipts, and forced the closing of many small clubs. Things began to explode only after the outdoor season virtually had come to an end.

The recovery really got under way with the Rocky Marciano-Roland LaStarza fight, which aroused international interest. It has continued with better gates and better attractions, to keep up public enthusiasm.

In addition, the reopening of a number of clubs which had shut their doors two or more years ago, and had kept them closed until the fall season got under way, is a good omen. Whether the revival will continue, is something only time can tell. TV has gained a firm hold on home fans, and unless the top men in boxing see fit to keep active against talent that assures the public of keen competition, there can be little hope for a complete return to packed arenas.

The past year proved, more than ever, that if the fans are offered bouts between well matched boxers, they will come out despite TV, especially if television is blacked out within the area of action. This was evident in the Robinson-Maxim fight a year and a half ago when it was first attempted in New York, the Bratton-Gavilan fight in Chicago, the Aragon-Chavez contest in Los Angeles, the Collins-Carter fight in Boston and the Marciano-LaStarza affair in New York.

More and more are promoters staging major contests—which really means the International Boxing Club and its affiliates—likely to resort to this means to assure financial success of their enterprises.

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OUR records show that seven shows in cities which in past years were considered top sectors for boxing, the attendances fell below the 500 mark and seventeen shows in America during the period from March through November had 200 or fewer paying spectators.

Newark, for example, a city that years ago could compare with the best in the States in boxing, had 176 paid spectators at a show just before Thanksgiving Day and one in the Mid-West about the same time, had 46 paid admissions—not enough to pay for the lighting! One had 76.

But during the months of September, October and November, the International Boxing Club, enjoyed a remarkable gain in attendance and receipts. That was due to two causes—championship fights and local area blackouts of TV.

When the IBC staged the Chico Vejar-Vinnie Martinez bout in New York, the turnout was far better than the normal, despite TV, showing that even with television, an attractive card in which keen competition is assured, will draw the customers.

The greatest drop due to TV came in Atlantic border states and the Mid-West. In California where the State's outstanding fighters were pitted against each other often, the clubs drew well.

New Orleans, due to the rise to fistic fame of Ralph Dupas, a seventeen year old boy who, though competing only in eight round bouts due to age limitation, gained a place among the ten ranking world lightweights and was the best drawing card in the South. Thus again we see what new, colorful talent can do to aid boxing's recovery.

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WITH the close of the Korean conflict and the return of service men to our country, many former boxers, and those developed in the armed forces during the past three years, rejoined the roster of pugilists. With their addition, boxing talent that was sorely needed, made its appearance, and with that came the reopening of old clubs, especially in small centers where a home town idol was badly needed. Sixteen such clubs rejoined the active ones after July.

The year saw the passing of many veterans as headliners. Chief among these were Jersey Joe Walcott, whose one round knockout at the hands of Rocky Marciano caused him to hang up his gloves, and Ezzard Charles, former title holder whose defeat by Nino Valdez of Cuba, at a time when Charles was considered top man for a shot at Marciano's crown, checked his activity.

Then there were Bob Baker, whose brittle hands kept him from competition; Jake La Motta, whose knockout in eight rounds by Danny Nardico on New Year's Eve, 1952, put an end to his colorful career; Ike Williams, whose days

as a top fighter are at an end; Sugar Ray Robinson, who announced his retirement last December to enter the theatrical field; Rex Layne, Salt Lake City heavyweight, who has reached the end of the rope and no longer can be considered a headliner.

Also, Vic Toweel, colorful South African bantam king, who didn't engage in a contest after his knockout at the hands of Jimmy Carruthers until early in December. Dado Marino, former flyweight king who dropped out of the spotlight following defeat in his return bout with Yoshio Shirai; Omelio Agromonte, Cuban heavyweight champion who was a trial horse for many good heavyweight, hung up his gloves after Nino Valdez relieved him of his title; Cesar Brion, Argentine heavyweight, who fought top men and quit to enter business with his father-in-law in Buenos Aires following his defeat by Bob Baker in New York; Robert Villemain, French middleweight and light heavyweight who was seen in many stirring battles in America but called it quits after several reverses in his native land; Bob Satterfield, Chicago's heavy socker, whose trouble with the law kept him idle until December 15, and Eugene Hairston, deaf-mute slugging middleweight.

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THEY made room for up-and-coming youngsters, some of whom already merit top assignments. You'll find an article in this issue devoted wholly to them.

It is gratifying to report that 1953 saw a big drop in scandal reports. Here and there an odd case came up in which the culprits suffered what they deserved. But when one considers the vast number of boys competing in boxing, the large number of persons otherwise identified with the sport, boxing in 1953 can well stand on its own feet as a sport that was carried on honestly, with manipulations almost nil, with commissions enacting legislation that kept boxing clean and enactment of legislation by commissions that at least in the U. S. kept deaths and injuries to a new low despite the world figures of twenty-one fatalities.

It speaks well for the fine work being carried out by the various boxing commissions many of whom, in a number of states, give their time without any compensation.

The rise to power of the International Boxing Guild, which has taken a firm grip on boxing management in our country, has been a source of worry to promoters because of the control the I.B.G. has over the majority of fighters and managers.

It has been charged by the National Boxing Association that the I.B.G. is a menace to boxing's progress and the National body, because of that, has requested the Department of Justice to investigate the Guild.

Executives of the Guild, Charley Johnston, president, Bill Daly, treasurer and Jack Kearns, national head of the organization, have entered emphatic denials. It is their contention that the I.B.G. is a Labor Union for Boxers, looking after the interest of pugilists and managers, and that much good has been accomplished by the I.B.G. for the betterment of the people it represents.

It has denied the charge of the N.B.A. that the organization prevents those not members in good standing from operating; that it has used threats against promoters using black listed managers; that it has collected a huge fund the total of which has been kept a secret from members other than the executive board and that it has stifled competition by forcing the use of its fighters in preference to others.

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THOSE are charges that were made by several boxing commissioners, Radziana and Osborne of Illinois; Agnew and Col. Harvey Miller of the District of Columbia and several other top ranking officers of the N.B.A. at the annual meeting in Milwaukee. By unanimous vote of the commissioners, these charges were submitted by the N.B.A. to the Department of Justice for a hearing.

The result has not yet been made known but that constitutes the major boxing complaint of scandal during the past year.

Undercover managers by degrees are being pushed out by commission vigilance. That they do exist, no one can deny. There are several dozen who control the leading talent.

It has been rumored that some of our major fighters, are owned in part by undesirables but no proof has ever been submitted.

The names of Frankie Carbo, Eddie Coco and others of their ilk have been mentioned in this respect, but since

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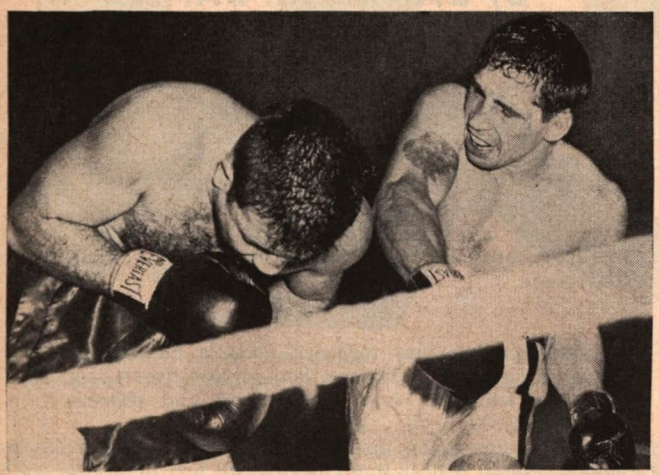
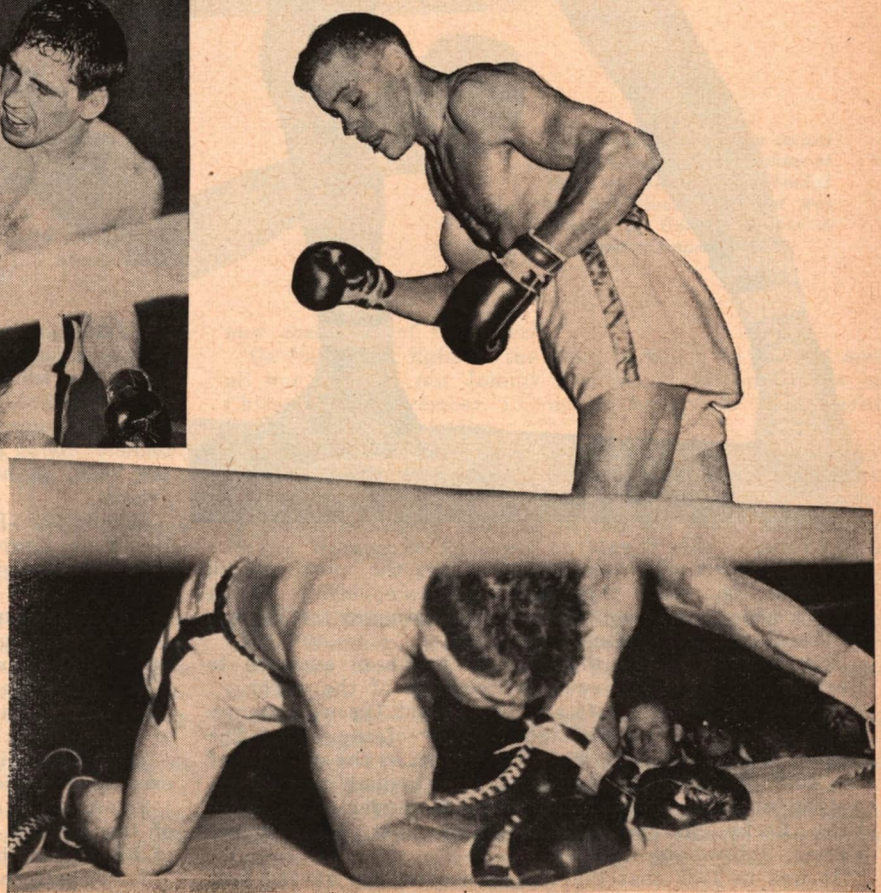


Danny Nardico, (right) ended the fighting career of Jake La Motta at Coral Gables, Florida, where the former world middleweight champion was halted. Jake was unable to come out for the eighth round.



Earl Walls, Edmonton heavyweight, advanced into a high post as a contender during the year through the power of his fists. Here he is seen standing over his victim, Rex Layne, who was stopped by the Canadian in the sixth round of their rematch at Salt Lake City.

'BOBO' OLSON NAMED FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Carl (Bobo) Olson gains the highly coveted Ring Magazine Award as The Fighter of the Year. He gained the American and World middleweight crowns last year.

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN the world of professional boxing, the most coveted distinction, other than a world championship, which can come to any competitor is designation as the Fighter of the Year by The Ring Magazine.

For the year 1953, this citation has been awarded to Carl Bobo Olson, middleweight champion of the world.

There was nothing soft and easy about Olson's triumph for The Ring Magazine's highest honor of the year. The fighter from Hawaii got keen resistance, in the councils of the staff of this magazine, from Kid Gavilan, the welterweight champion and prospective contender for Bobo's title, Rocky Marciano, heavyweight king, and Jimmy Carter, lightweight leader.

It was in 1927 that the Ring Magazine set up the first system of rating the boxers of the world. One year later, this publication originated the custom of picking the Fighter of the Year, with the selection of Gene Tunney.

In 1929, it was Tommy Loughran, in 1930 Max Schmeling, and so it went, with here and there a two time, even a multiple designation. Joe Louis won the prize no fewer than four times, in 1936, 1938, 1939 and 1941.

In 1952, the citation went to Marciano, and this time the Brockton Buster came up for a second consecutive honor.

However, after long deliberation the staff of The Ring Magazine, headed by Nat Fleischer, decided that Olson was their man.

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BEFORE going into technical details having to do with the selection of Olson, let us set forth, again, the requisites which a boxer must meet and possess to win the big award.

Being a champion does not, in itself, qualify the contender. Being a first flight boxer and a title winner within the year, do not, in themselves, certify a boxer for the award.

When The Ring Magazine originated the Fighter of the Year competition, it intended to use it as a moral influence as well as a medium for rewarding the standout boxer.

As a consequence, The Ring Magazine now and then was forced to pass up entries for the award who, on the surface, appeared to qualify.

Here are the four requisites which a boxer must meet if he is to get the citation,—four which stand to the credit of Bobo Olson;—

1:—Outstanding as a boxer, and outstanding in the excellence of his ring record for the year.

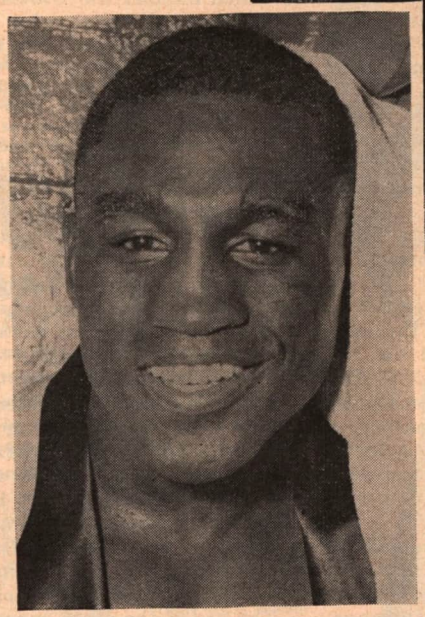
2:—A credit to the sport of boxing and the profession of the ring in his personal conduct, and his appreciation of his responsibilities to the game.

3:—A pattern for, and an example to, the growing American Boy who loves sport.

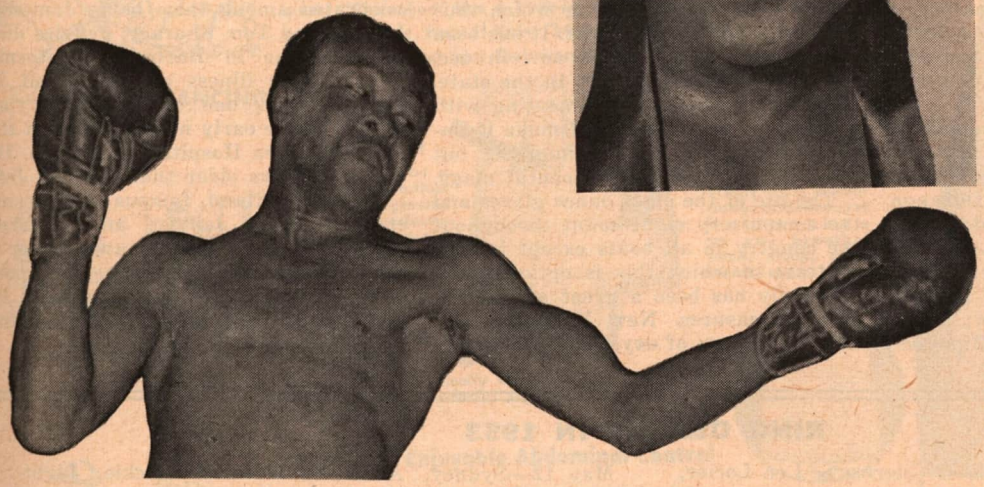
"THE RING'S" FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

1928—Gene Tunney
1929—Tommy Loughran
1930—Max Schmeling
1931—Tommy Loughran
1932—Jack Sharkey
1933—No Award
1934—Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri
1935—Barney Ross
1936—Joe Louis
1937—Henry Armstrong
1938—Joe Louis
1939—Joe Louis
1940—Billy Conn
1941—Joe Louis
1942—Ray Robinson
1943—Fred Apostoli
1944—Beau Jack
1945—Willie Pep
1946—Tony Zale
1947—Gus Lesnevich
1948—Ike Williams
1949—Ezzard Charles
1950—Ezzard Charles
1951—Ray Robinson
1952—Rocky Marciano
1953—Bobo Olson

Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion twice defended his crown in 1953, was a strong contender for Fighter of the Year honors.



Jimmy Carter, who scored three knockouts in three lightweight title fights last year made a serious bid as the outstanding fighter of the year.



Kid Gavilan was a close second in the voting for the Fighter of the Year Award. He defended his title three times but was floored by Carmen Basilio in their championship tilt.

4:—Possessed of a reputation for sportsmanship, and unconnected with sinister influences and characters.

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OLSON'S selection as the Fighter of the Year was superinduced by his clean, impressive, title winning record for 1953. He engaged in four fights, and won all of them, as follows;—

February 7:—Got a ten round decision over Norman Hayes in Boston.

March 16:—Got the decision over Garth Panter, in ten rounds, at Butte.

June 19:—Defeated Paddy Young in fifteen round fight in New York, for the American middleweight title.

October 21:—Defeated Randy Turpin, of England, in fifteen round contest in New York, for the world's middleweight championship which had been vacated by Ray Robinson.

To be sure, these four achievements set up Olson as no devastating puncher, no knockout hero.

But, especially in his triumphs over Young and Turpin, Olson proved himself a crafty, skilled technician, a fine, determined and game operator of the old school, and a new champion of title merit.

Gavilan's last fight of the year, in which he mauled and all but knocked out Johnny Bratton in fifteen rounds in Chicago, on November 13, made the Cuban a powerful contender for the citation.

However, the fact that Gavilan had been floored by Carmen Basilio in Syracuse on September gave the Hawk a black mark on the performance side of the ledger. Gavilan's lacklustre showing in the ten round setback by Danny Womber in Syracuse on May 2 also helped Olson's cause.

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GAVILAN fought ten times during the year, and lost only to Womber. Here is the Hawk's 1953 record:—

January 13:—Won ten round decision over Aman Peck, in Tampa.

January 21:—Won ten round verdict over Vic Cardell, in Washington.

February 11:—Knocked out Chuck Davey in the tenth round in Chicago.

April 14:—Beat Livo Minelli in ten rounder in Cleveland.

May 2:—Lost ten round decision to Danny Womber in Syracuse.

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Record Fatalities

By NAT FLEISCHER

1953 SETS NEW HIGH IN RING DEATHS. ONLY TWO OUT OF 21 DEATHS IN BOXING OCCURRED IN AMERICAN RINGS AMONG PROFESSIONALS.

A new record for world-wide ring fatalities was set during the past 12 months with a total of twenty-one among amateurs and professionals. That is one more than the number listed in 1949, when the high water mark was reached since "The Ring" started to keep records of deaths back in 1930. Ten amateurs and eleven money chasers had the ten count tolled over them by the Grim Reaper, an appalling situation considering the excellent medical attention that is given to the glove wielders in almost all parts of the universe.

It is interesting to note that only two professionals met their death in American rings which indicates the extent to which our boxing commissions have gone to make the sport safe for the young men who participate in it. New York leads all other states in thoroughness.

Among the amateurs we were not so fortunate. Of the ten fatilities throughout the world. six occurred in the United States. Listed are one U. S. Airman, a college student, a Golden Gloves boxer, an inmate of a reformatory, a participant in an Amateur Athletic Union contest and a lad who received a concussion following an exhibition with a professional.

The world total includes the Isle of Guernsey, England; San Antonio, Texas; London, England; Providence, R. I.; Mexicali, Mexico; Durango, Mexico; Coningsby, England; Marseilles, France; Chicago, Ill.; Lancaster, Pa.; Cleveland, Ohio; Worcester, Mass.; Sydney, Australia; Rheims, France; Lagos, Nigeria; Havana, Cuba; Miami Beach, Fla.; Zamboaniga, Philippines; Johannesburg, S. A.; Brisbane, Australia and Indianapolis, Ind. Considering that there are more than 10,000 amateurs boxing in various parts of the world and about 4500 professionals of which number the United States has 3000 licensed, the wide range of territory speaks well for the over-all physical condition of the fighters. In no other contact sport are there so few deaths recorded.

In 1952, seventeen deaths took place in world pugilism. Of these nine were listed among amateurs. That number constituted a record since 1930 when "The Ring" magazine started tabulating fatalities due to ring injuries. The high mark prior to the past year was reached in 1949 when nineteen boxers were killed in action.

New York State again is the pace setter for ring safety. Its Commission, under Chairman Christenberry, installed a new type flooring which thus far has proved injury proof. It has been tested thoroughly and is now in use, compulsory, in every Club in the state. The Commission is experimenting with a new type glove that will make it impossible for the use of thumbing but this is still in the experimental stage.

The use of the eight ounce gloves and the compulsory eight count throughout the country in all bouts except in title contests in which this is optional, undoubtedly has been a great advance in safety measures. New York has also adopted the use of oxygen in emergency cases. Each club must have at the ringside a small tank for such emergency.

Despite all these and clinical examinations, training camp exams several times prior to a contest and constant vigilance by commission doctors, injuries and fatalities continue in all parts of the world. But it is most gratifying to note that many new safety measures have been put into effect and with twice as many fighters in our country than anywhere else in the world, we have had less deaths and serious injuries than in any other nation.

Though ring deaths have been few, we suffered the loss of many famous ringmen through natural causes. Men who made ring history are among them.

The year saw the passing of famed ring men of the past, the most celebrated among them being James J. Jeffries and Tom Sharkey. Jeffries died at his home in Burbank, California after a long illness at the age of 77 and Sharkey, one of the prize ring Greats of the early nineties, died at the San Francisco Hospital, California. He was two years older than his pal, Jeff.

Kid McPartland, famous in the same era in which Jeffries and Sharkey came to the top, passed away after a lingering illness in his home in Brooklyn. He was 74. In his late years he was one of New York State's leading

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RING DEATHS IN 1953

Jan. 24—St. Peter Port, Isle of Guernsey—Len Lorier, Light heavyweight—(Amateur)

Jan. 27—San Antonio, Texas—James W. Nelson, middleweight U. S. Airman—(Amateur)

Jan. 29—London—John Lanham, lightweight—British soldier—(Amateur)

Jan. 30—Providence, R. I.—Eugene Zajeew, lightweight (Amateur)

Feb. 5 —Mexicali, Mexico—Nicholas Acosta Flores, lightweight (Professional)

Feb. 26—Coningsby, England—Harold Tony Adams, Royal Air Force—(Amateur)

Feb. 22—Durango, Mexico—George Cox, Costa Rica, lightweight—(Professional)

Mar. 13—Chicago. Ill.—James Jones, Lightweight—Died after sparring with pro fighter, Clifford Williams—(Amateur)

Mar. 24—Lancaster, Pa.—Clifton Johnson, 17—Golden Gloves boy—(Amateur)

Mar. 29—Cleveland. Ohio—Merrill Silverstein—College Student—in College bout—(Amateur)

Apr. 21—Worcester. Mass.—Dick Miller, Welterweight —(Professional)

May 12—Sydney, Australia—Johnny Slockie, Lightweight—(Professional)

May 17—Rheims, France—Lucien Innocenti, Bantamweight—(Professional)

July 1 —Lagos, Nigeria—Homicide Illori, Lightweight —(Professional)

July 11—Julian Varona, Havana, Cuba—Lightweight —(Professional)

Aug. 18—Miami Beach—Robert Lee (Bobby Donald) Middleweight—(Professional)

Sept. 12—Zamboaniga, Philippine Islands—Frankie Carpi—(Professional)

Sept. 22—Johannesburg, S. Africa—Johnny Johnson, in Navy Championship bout—(Amateur)

Sept. 29—Indiana Reformatory—Indianapolis, Ind.—Johnson Hicks—(Amateur)

Nov. 14—Brisbane, Australia, Roy Chapman, Lightweight—(Professional)

Dec. 8 —Marseilles—Ray Grassi, French feather champion. Died in bout with Mohamed Chicakaoui (Professional)

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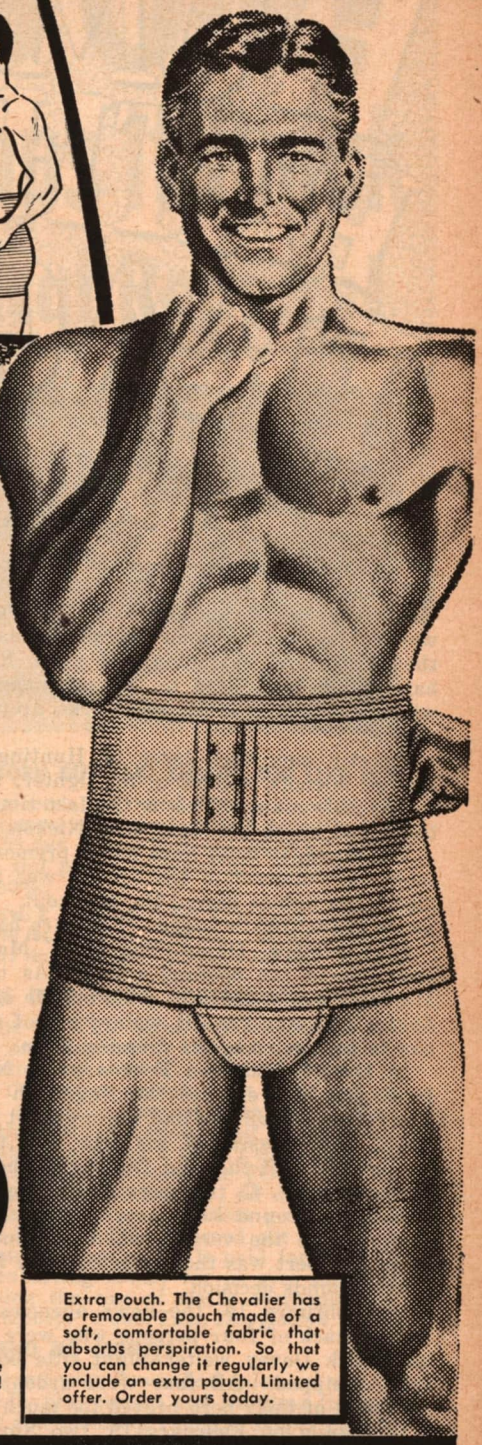

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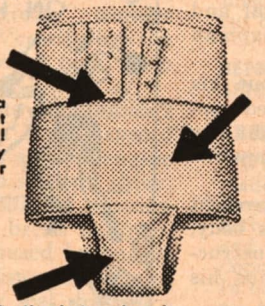

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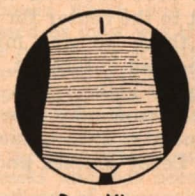

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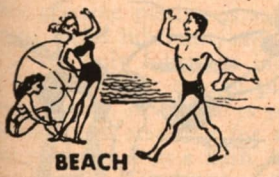

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HUMOR PATHOS TRAGEDY

By SAM TAUB

EVERY year humor, pathos and tragedy are found in the boxing news. The past year was no exception.

In San Francisco Eddie Chavez, popular lightweight, won a close decision in an overweight match from Jimmy Carter, the lightweight champion and after Richard Burke, a judge, handed his score card to the announcer indicating Carter the winner by 56 to 54 points, Burke dropped dead from a heart attack.

Exactly one week later in Huntington, W. Va., Manager George Nichols, seconding his fighter, Charley Lee, urged him to kayo his man. "This is the last time I tell you this, go out there and knock him out," said Nichols.

The manager must have had a premonition, for a few seconds later, he collapsed in the corner, was taken to a hospital and died. His fighter scored the knockout. He put Hosea Chapman away in the fourth round. They are heavyweights.

In Columbus, Ohio, "Fat Man" Marshall knocked out his opponent in the opening round. As the referee reached ten, Marshall was seized with a leg muscle spasm and collapsed. The fighter who was kayoed, walked out of the ring. His conquerer had to be carried to the dressing room.

In Lowell, Mass. on February 11, Neil King, a lightweight from that city entered the ring with robe covering his body. The referee called him and his opponent to the center for instructions. Neil tossed off his robe and there he was minus his trunks. He left the ring faster than he had entered it.

At Aiken, S. C. two days later, Reggie Talbert was credited with a one round kayo over Crosley Thrumond. The referee gave Reggie the verdict when Thrumond's knee came out of joint. Talbert was then matched with Leroy Kneece and gained a four rounds decision.

On February 16, the news agencies reported the death by heart attack of four persons who were watching the Kid Gavilan-Chuck Davey welterweight title bout in which Davey was sadly whipped. All four were ardent Davey rooters and the massacre of their hero proved too much of a shock.

In Manila on February 19, two Singapore boxers, Lim Kee Chan and Little Paras failed to show up for their bouts. Here is what happened:

Fans showered soda bottles, programs and cigarette butts into the ring. The Boxing Commission, abused with catcalls, held a special hearing.

Two substitute boxers were rushed into the ring and both were knocked out.

The promoter, Lope Sarreal suffered a heart attack and had to be taken from the arena.

The manager of one of the fighters who was kayoed, threatened to sue the Commission because he had a fight arranged for the boy a week later and the doctors had their doubts that he would be in any condition to fight for at least a month.

Great Yarmouth, England, has a young boxer named George Adams. He's a grocer's clerk. His aspirations lean toward winning the British Welterweight title. When he started box-

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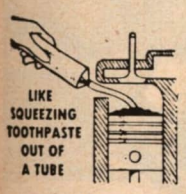

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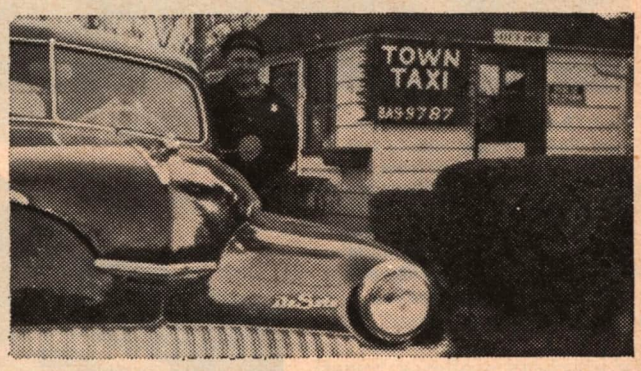

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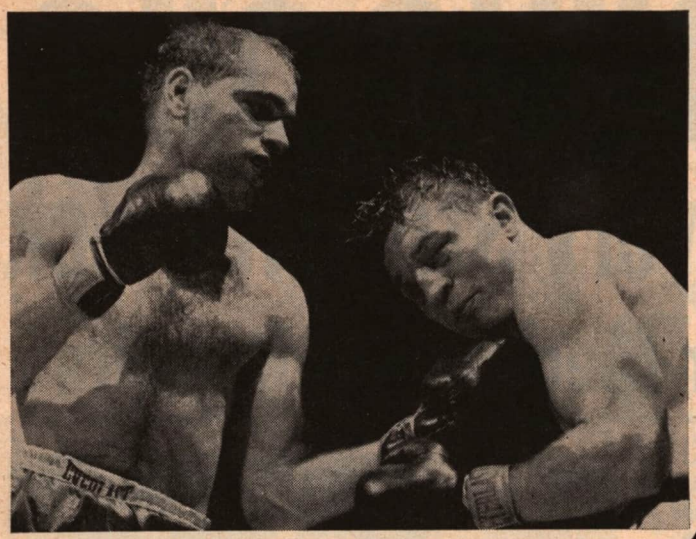
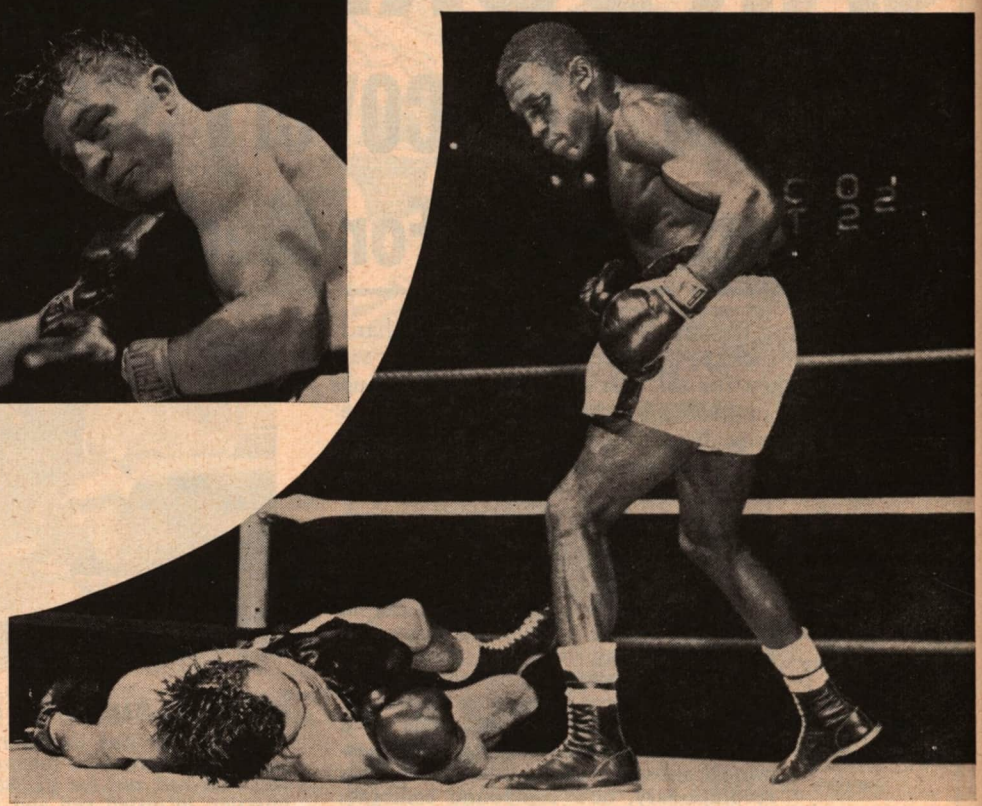


Carl (Bobo) Olson (left) hammers Paddy Young with a left to the jaw during their bout for the American middleweight title. Olson won the decision and four months later defeated Randy Turpin for the world crown, left vacant with Ray Robinson's retirement.

Jimmy Carter, defended his lightweight title three times during 1953 and scored three kayoes, over Tommy Collins, George Araujo and Armand Savoie. Savoie is the victim pictured here.



Busy Year For Champions

By NAT LOUBET

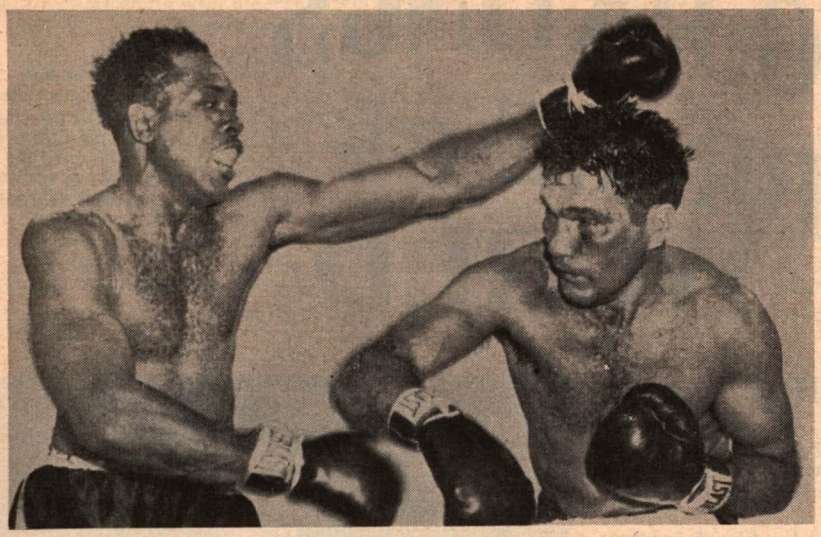
ALTHOUGH during most of the past year ordinary contests were the rule rather than the exception in the major organizations of our country, many excellent bouts were on view as the year neared its windup thanks to the rise of youngsters who had grown out of the novice class and were ready to take the places of veterans who had shot their bolt. The continued use of fighters who had lost their crowd appeal, especially on programs that were staged with a nation-wide television hook-up, is what brought boxing down to a new low in the first seven months of 1953.

But with the development of youngsters who carried a television appeal, many of the old timers were shunted into the background to make room for these newcomers and this change helped boxing to regain much of its patronage since the fall indoor season got under way. Although many of veterans continue to be used in national television contests, they are being weeded out by degrees, a situation that has been sorely needed in the sport.

The International Boxing Club with its national stadiums, arenas situated in half a dozen of our leading cities, started the fall season with a bang and other organizations have fallen in line. Under the auspices of the Norris outfit, nine world championship fights were staged, with New York topping the field with the Marciano-La Starza heavyweight title match. Ogden, Utah, Montreal, Chicago, Boston and Syracuse were the other cities in which champions put their crown on the line.

The rise into prominence of the Eastern Parkway Arena, was a blessing for boxing. The House of Upsets as this club has become known, livened matters in New York at a time when the sport was in need of help. Many of the boys who were first brought into the sports headlines at that club, found their way into Madison Square Garden and its affiliates. Among such stars were Lulu Perez, Garth Panther, Pierre Langlois, Art Persley, Johnny Gonsalves and Orlando Zulueta.

The Saturday night shows staged under the supervision of Ray Arcel, fights that were seen on a national television hook up, proved another life saver for the sport. Although



Archie Moore, (left) world light heavyweight champion, successfully defended his title against Joey Maxim, winning a fifteen rounds decision, at Ogden, Utah. It was the first world title bout ever held in that state. The fight, nationally televised, grossed over $80,000.

the two weekly productions added to the headaches of small time promoters whose local shows had to be discontinued because of these national TV programs, at least they helped keep new talent in the game and furnished shows. Thus they acted as the minor nursery for boxing.

Despite the tremendous drop in world boxers, the huge shutdown of fight clubs and the meagre outstanding talent, fourteen world title bouts, only a few short of the high mark of 1952, were staged. Last year there were sixteen such bouts. The year just ended had in addition to two American bantamweight championship contests an elimination for the vacant middleweight crown, which was won by Carl Bobo Olson. That speaks well for the title holders. They accepted their responsibility to defend the crown though in several cases considerable persuasion was necessary.

In the fourteen fights, all champions retained their crown. Five title fights were fought outside of the United States. The only championship not defended was the featherweight due to the absence of Sandy Saddler who is in the U. S. Army.

THE biggest show of the year was the Marciano-Roland La Starza bout with an attendance of 44,562 and a gate of $435,820. Marciano, undefeated in 45 pro fights, knocked out La Starza in the eleventh round.

Earlier, on May 15, Marciano engaged in his first title defense, knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott in one round at Chicago, before a gathering which paid $331,795. It was the eighth one round knockout in a world heavyweight championship bout.

Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, successfully defended his title against Joey Maxim on June 24 at Ogden, Utah, the first championship match ever held in that state. Moore won a 15 round decision, with the receipts coming to $80,000.

With Ray Robinson retiring as world middleweight champion on December 18, 1952, to enter show business, the title became vacant and a series of eliminations were held to find a successor. On June 9, Randolph Turpin of England, former world champion, defeated Charley Humez of France at White City Stadium, London, England, to qualify as the European entry in the finals.

Ten days later, Carl (Bobo) Olson of Hawaii, outpointed Paddy Young of New York at Madison Square Garden, New York, in a 15 round fight to enter the finals.

Turpin and Olson met on October 21 in Madison Square Garden to decide the issue. The bout was televised nationally but blacked out in the New York area, and Olson won with much to spare. Turpin, ignoring his responsibility, failed to train properly, thereby letting down the public.

Kid Gavilan of Cuba, world welterweight champion, was an active title holder. He successfully defended his crown three times besides engaging in seven non-title contests.

On February 11 he stopped Chuck Davey in ten rounds at the Chicago Stadium before a crowd that paid $275,415, with his crown at stake. Davey, a college graduate whose reputation had grown through his many successful appearances on TV, was thoroughly beaten.

On September 18, Gavilan won a close 15 round decision from Carmen Basilio of Canastota, N. Y., in Syracuse but had trouble making the weight and at times looked like anything but a champion. He was dropped in the second round and won by a split decision. His third successful defense was against Johnny Bratton in Chicago whom he whipped by a wide margin in his best fight.

James Carter of New York, long known as a colorless performer, emerged as one of the scintillating fighters of the year through his title bouts. On April 24, he scored a record number, ten knockdowns in stopping Tommy Collins in four rounds at Boston Gardens, Boston.

On June 12 at Madison Square Garden, coming into the fight as an underdog against highly considered George Araujo, he proceeded to knock Araujo out in the thirteenth round.

Carter engaged in his third title defense of the year on November 11, against Armand Savoie of Canada at Montreal, whom he flattened in five rounds. Savoie had beaten him previously in a non-title fight. It was the first world championship bout held in Montreal in more than 20 years.

With Champion Sandy Saddler still in the U. S. Army, the featherweight division was again without a title bout. Willie Pep, a former champion fought his way back to regain the position as the No. 1 contender during most of the year but Red Top Davis came through in the wind-up to nose Willie out of top honors.

On March 21, Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, successfully defended his bantamweight title by knocking out Vic Toweel, in Johannesburg, S. A. from whom he had won the crown in ten rounds at Johannesburg, South Africa then took the measure of Henry Pappy Gault in fifteen rounds in Sydney, Australia.

Yoshio Shirai of Japan outpointed Tanny Campo of the Philippines in defense of his world flyweight title on May 18, at Tokyo, Japan.

On October 27, he again put the title on the line this time against Terry Allen of England, a former champion, also in Tokyo and won in 15 rounds. Previous to that bout, Shirai was stopped in seven rounds by Leo Espinoza of the Philippines in a non-title bout.

It was indeed a busy year for world champs and they all came through like champs. 1954 will be a good year for boxing if the title holders remain as active.

RING RATINGS The EMBRACE WORLD

Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion who successfully defended his title twice in 1953, is rated by himself, none in the field of contenders on a par with him.

By NAT FLEISCHER

BOXING remains the popular sport it has been for centuries, but as the years roll along, the number of professionals in world fisticuffs keeps decreasing.

The past year was no exception.

There was a time when "The Ring" had a file of foreign and American boxers that reached beyond the 10,000 mark competing in various parts of the universe. When World War Two got under way, the start of the decrease had begun world-wide and it has never been checked.

Of the total number of boxers who competed as money chasers in the U. S. when the Korean conflict got under way, less than 75 percent are available for professional fights to-day. In our country, Mexico, Central and South America, there are only 4500 licensed boxers as against 7000 four years ago. That's one of the reasons why many clubs have shutdown, the other being the effect that TV has had on attendances.

While the professional field has suffered heavily in loss of talent, the amateurs are going just as strong as ever. There are twice as many simon pures competing for prizes than there are pros. Particularly true is this in foreign countries. Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Chile, Argentine on this side of the Big Pond are strong supporters of amateur boxing.

In Europe, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Spain, France and England have more amateurs than pros.

Many international matches during the past year have had on display exceptionally fine talent, particularly in the recent Olympic Games from which have come some of our best new pro boxers. More members of world Olympic teams turned to the money chasing field in 1953 than in any previous set of these famous international games.

In this respect, America leads and in almost every case, those who turned pro, have received a high ranking for the year—either a rated boxer or a Class A performer. The greatest progress was made by Floyd Patterson the light heavyweight from New York who in his first year, leaped into ninth place in our world selection.

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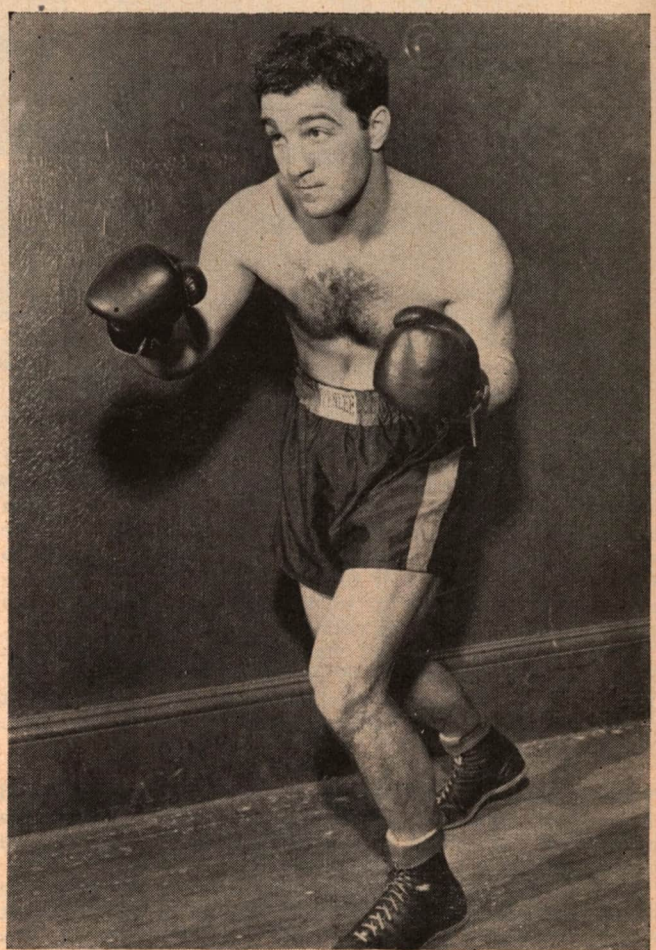
In our rankings we have considered the weight at which each fighter has done his best work and have rated him accordingly. No pugilist has been listed in more than one division unlike previous years when one or more were so classified.

The writer has travelled far and wide and has been in a position to see boxers from many parts of the world in ring action. His classification is not mere guess work as is that of others who attempt such world rankings. It is based on personal observation combined with the aid of the entire Ring staff and our world correspondents.

The fact that over a stretch of many years, this being the twenty-seventh consecutive one for our world ratings, close to eighty percent of our choices have hit the mark, is evidence that a close study is made of a fighter's ability based on his year's performances, before he is given his place in these selections. Of our monthly prospects for 1953, a feature adopted many years ago, many found their names in the rated ten before the year ended.

Of the total number of active fighters listed in our files, only 2029 have been classified either in the numerically



ranked field or in Class A, B or C based on their year's record. And only those who participated in three or more fights and did not permanently or temporarily end their activity prior to May, were considered.

Of the foreign fighters, only top men were classified, those recommended by our foreign staff of ring experts, and members of the European Boxing Union.

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For the first time in fifteen years a foreigner occupies the top ranking position as world heavyweight contender. That honor has been given to Nino Valdes, champion of Cuba, in the twenty-seventh Annual Ranking of World Boxers, a feature started by this publication in 1926. The last foreign fighter to reach the leading post as challenger for the crown, was Max Schmeling who was bombed out of the picture by Joe Louis in the first round of their title bout in 1938. No foreigner since then has reached the top post as world challenger.

The story of Valdes' rise from obscurity to fistic fame is told elsewhere in this issue by Jersey Jones. Nino not only earned the laurels as the "Fighter Who Made Most Progress" during 1953 but added to that, the additional

distinction of supplanting top notchers like Roland La Starza and Ezzard Charles as the heavyweight who most has earned the right to fight Rocky Marciano for the title.

All of the champions who held the title in 1952, kept them during the past twelve months except Ray Robinson who retired. His retirement brought about the elimination which resulted in the triumph of Bobo Olson over Randy Turpin of England, a victory that enabled him to gain international recognition as Robinson's successor to the middleweight throne. Though fourteen championship fights were staged, details of which are to be found elsewhere in this issue, none of the title holders lost their crown.

Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight king, Kid Gavilan, welter champion and Jimmy Carter, lightweight title holder, are not only the top men of their division, but are so far above the field of contenders, that they have been honored by being placed in a group all by themselves.

The heavyweights are split into three rated sections. The second group consists in order, of Valdes, La Starza, Charles, Bucceroni, Earl Walls of Canada; Don Cockell of England; Bob Satterfield of Chicago; Tommy Harrison of Oakland, Calif.; Coley Wallace of New York, Heinz Neuhaus of Germany and Harry Matthews of Seattle.

Karel Sys of Belgium leads group 2 with Jimmy Bivins trailing him.

In the light heavyweight class, there are three divisions with Archie Moore heading the top one. Harold Johnson, who was our number two man last year, is the outstanding contender this time with Joey Maxim and Yolande Pompey following. Though Johnson is the top ranking challenger, Maxim, not he, has been signed by Jim Norris to fight Moore for the crown in Miami.

Danny Nardico, who Al Weill, manager of Marciano favors as Rocky's opponent in a heavyweight title fight, ranks fifth. He doesn't fit into the picture as a heavyweight challenger.

Floyd Patterson, former Olympic star, gained a high ranking in his first year as a pro. He is ninth, a peg above Alex Buxton, British Champion.

In our second group, rated on top is Wes Bascom, who though often defeated has met the best in two divisions. Cuts have checked his progress but he is a good fighter.

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There are three foreigners in the initial group in the middleweight sector—Randy Turpin, Charley Humez and Pierre Langlois. Turpin remains the top contender. In condition, he is far better than the remainder of the classified challengers. Humez is rated ninth, far below the high post he occupied last year and Langlois, another Frenchman, is twelfth.

Rocky Castellani, who leads the American contingent, is ranked next to Turpin in third place, America's ranking contender. Joey Giardello, Gil Turner, Joey Giambra, Paddy Young and Ernie Durando follow Castellani in that order. Holly Mims of Washington; Ralph Jones of Yonkers and Randy Sandy of New York City are at the bottom of the leading group of contenders.

Tuzo Portuguez of Costa Rica, a tough aggressive fighter who in his American campaign has had DAME FORTUNE against him, heads the second division with Garth Panter of Utah, Gustav Scholz of Germany, Joe Rindone of Boston and Eduardo Lausse of Argentine—rated in the first five in that section.

Lausse is a hard hitting Buenos Aires middleweight who with a little more campaigning in our country, should do well with the top notchers. He has what it takes.

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Germany has come along in leaps and bounds in pro boxing. Its fighters have taken many high places in the world ratings.

Kid Gavilan has proved himself the class of the welters. Among his leading contenders, all ranked in the second section, Carmen Basilio of Syracuse stands out as the top challenger. His knockdown of Gavilan in their recent title bout and the fact that the Cuban won by a split decision, entitles Basilio to the top laurels.

Johnny Bratton and Johnny Saxton are next in line with Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles, who has made good strides and Billy Graham, too inactive a contender, following in that order.

Del Flanagan of St. Paul and Freddie Dawson who has been active in Australia, top Art Aragon of Los Angeles, Gilbert Lavoine of France and Jesus (Chico) Varona of Cuba winding up the first ten.

George Barnes of Australia, Lester Felton, Carmine Fiore, Danny Womber, Phil Kim, Hector Constance and Tony De Marco occupy the posts in the second group.

Those who have followed the career of Jimmy Carter know how far above his challengers he stands. When his title was at stake, he proved himself the master. He's the cream of his division.

Wallace Buddy Smith of Cincinnati heads an excellent list of lightweights, with Eddie Chavez of San Jose, Cal. next in line in the challengers group.

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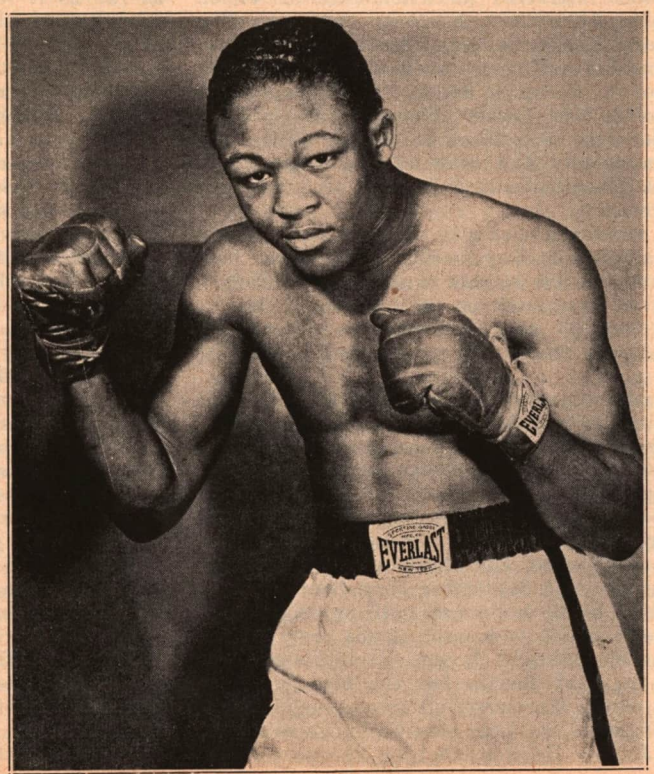
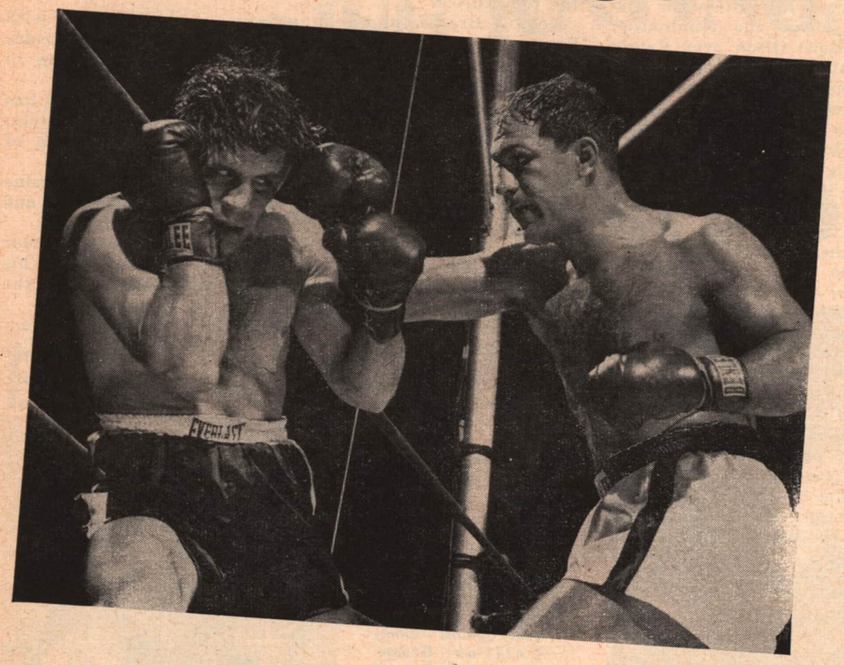
Jimmy Carter, who scored three knockouts in three title fights during the past year, against Tommy Collins, George Araujo and Armand Savoie, finds himself without an outstanding contender for the lightweight crown.



Kid Gavilan, successful in three title defenses in 1953, has completely outdistanced the welterweight division. He may now look to the crown in the middleweight division.

ROCKY AGAIN OF THE . . .



Rocky Marciano (right), whose title winning bout with Jersey Joe Walcott in 1952 was the standout bout of the year, did it again in 1953 with his victory over Roland LaStarza, halting him in eleven rounds.

By JOHNNY SALAK

A WORLD heavyweight championship struggle is usually boxing's most important battle, attracting the eyes of the world. Again, in 1953, it was a Rocky Marciano bout, as it was in 1952, that took down honors as The Fight of The Year. The Brockton Blockbuster registered two successful defenses of his title, blasting veteran Jersey Joe Walcott into defeat in less than a round, and demolishing the false, high hopes of Roland LaStarza in eleven.

The latter fight, held at the Polo Grounds in New York on September 24, which attracted an attendance of 44,562 and a gross gate of $435,820.51, has been chosen as The Fight of The Year. LaStarza had, when they were both undefeated three and a half years previously, lost a close ten rounds decision to Rocky, a decision which many felt rightly belonged to the New Yorker. Though, in the interim, Marciano had gained the title, taken on the confidence of a titleholder and supposedly had some of the rough edges of his boxing style smoothed out, the return match looked like a good test for him.

For six rounds it figured that way as LaStarza held the wild-swinging champion at bay, easily outpointing him, being ahead as much as five rounds to one on one official's scorecard. But from that point on the thundering fists of Marciano broke through the challenger's defense and quickly swept aside any thoughts LaStarza had of gaining the title.

It was utter and convincing defeat. It was victory, if not in perfection, in the tradition of true champions, powerful and lambasting. Not even the most ardent LaStarza adherent could deny that their man was soundly and overwhelmingly whipped.

Several other bouts, all title affairs, were in the running as the standout contest of the year. Among them was Carmen Basilio's near upset of Kid Gavilan for the welterweight title at Syracuse on September 18, a bout in which little was thought of Basilio's chances until he dropped the Cuban in the second round, won most of the early rounds and even took the final stanza. It was a scintillating performance on the part of Basilio but the bout, in total, lacked the impact of the Marciano-LaStarza struggle.

No. 3 as The Fight of the Year was Gavilan's next title defense, against Johnny Bratton, the No. 1 contender, on November 13 at Chicago. Bratton figured to give Gavilan a close, hard battle and because of the champion's problems with weight also seemed to stand a strong chance of taking the crown. Gavilan thoroughly routed the Chicago gamester! The Keed, after a none too impressive fight with Basilio, turned in one of his best fights against a man who should have given him more trouble.

IN The Fight of the Year, LaStarza was expected to box and the champion to hit, and that is exactly how it went—as far as it went. For six rounds ring science ridiculed the wild swinging attempts of one who has been termed one of our crudest of all fighting champions. In the early portion of the bout Marciano was made to look like an awkward novice as he stumbled and faltered forward, desperately and pitifully trying to catch his opponent with a solid right.

That eventually he would catch up with LaStarza was a foregone conclusion. LaStarza's bid for the title fell short not in his defensive manuevers but in his lack of punch. Marciano did not attempt to evade whatever sign of power LaStarza cared to display. He stepped forward, into the line of fire, fully knowing the guns weren't loaded. At best a none too robust puncher, LaStarza was further handicapped by an injury to his left elbow in an early round. Had LaStarza any semblance of fire power, worthy enough to occasionally push back a thrust by the champion, his defenses would have stood up well under the depreciated long range bombing of the short-armed Marciano. It might have carried the day and brought him victory.

Slowly but surely one could see Marciano inch his way into range, his blockbusters landing nearer their target—a slow process with him because of his unusually short reach, 67 inches, the shortest of all heavyweight champions. When his big guns moved up to within an effective range of their mark, the artillery barrage began with frightful and devastating regularity.

The champion's eagerness for contact with the enemy was costly to him in the sixth round. A long left fell out of bounds and Referee Ruby Goldstein penalized him the round. In the next session Marciano again cannonaded low but Goldstein merely cautioned and did not penalize him.

It was in the seventh round that Marciano's ultimate

IN FIGHT YEAR . . .

The Round of the Year goes to the second session of the world welterweight title bout between Carmen Basilio (left) and champ Kid Gavilan. Gavilan was dropped for a nine count, only the second time in his career he had been downed.

superiority asserted itself and the only question which remained was how much bombarding the beseiged citadel of LaStarza could endure before capitulating.

The brave heart of Roland withstood the withering fire, powerpacked artillery blasts which had levelled with one exploding shell such others as Jersey Joe Walcott, Joe Louis, Lee Savold and Harry Matthews.

But he could withstand the concentrated attacks just so long, until he was battered into a hopeless, defenseless heap. In a last stand, in the seventh round when the heavy artillery started exploding with direct hits, vainly and gallantly he brought what little fire power he had at his command in an unequal show of strength that sapped his reserve and left him a helpless, open target.

THE ninth round was a particularly shell-shocking experience for LaStarza, in which Marciano, his batteries operating with relentless fury, pounded a shattered foe and was quick to keep up the attack as the target tried to evade the punishment, eventually being driven into and pinned against the ropes. Marciano should have finished him there but in his anxiety to end it all, fired too quickly and too inaccurately, repeatedly missing his target. A mocking truce of one minute, which no longer could aid the beleaguered LaStarza, was called with the sound of the bell.

The bombardment continued at a vicious pace into the tenth round, with Marciano tossing long right handers to the face and ripping terrific blows to the heart, until it was a wonder that the signal of surrender did not come from the LaStarza Command. There was nothing now to be gained and irreparable damage to be done.

Like a beaten little army, already defeated by a force which outmanned and outgunned them but stands their ground with the grim tenacity that follows the order "hold at all costs," LaStarza appeared on the battlefield in the eleventh round.

And as in actual combat, with the armistice already signed but men being wounded and dying awaiting the "Cease Fire" order, so it was with LaStarza. Everyone who watched knew, as Roland himself and his High Command must have known. It was all over but the cease fire order.

The thundering guns of Marciano continued their deafening roar in the eleventh and it was all one-sided. A series of sudden, sharp blasts, a right, a left, another right, hitting their target with precision now, and LaStarza went down, almost through the ropes, landing on the ring apron.

At five he was up, the repeated pounding shocking him to a nodding assent that he was all right when the referee asked. LaStarza braced himself for the final, all-out, massive assault which stormed his completely crumbled defenses. Marciano hounded a foe unable to offer any resistence, pounding rights and lefts to the body and head. There was no battle now, massacre and complete annihilation remained.

The "Cease Fire" order came seconds later, at 1:31 of the eleventh round.

THE Round of the Year was a stunner, unexpected and almost bringing about the greatest coup of the year. There is little question that it deserves the honor it is given.

Kid Gavilan, as wily and rock-jawed a champion as you'd ever want to meet, had only been dropped once in his 112 fight career when he tangled in a title bout with Carmen Basilio in Syracuse.

It didn't appear that Basilio would give him too much trouble and the most distant thought was that the light-hitting lad from Canastota, N. Y., would be able to drop the Cuban who had faced many strong-armed punchers and had taken their best wallops without flinching.

Back in 1948, in their first fight, Ike Williams knocked Gavilan down in the eighth round. However, though he fought The Keed another twenty-two rounds, covering the remainder of the first and two more ten round bouts, he was unable to duplicate that feat.

Early in the second stanza of The Round of the Year, both fighters went at it hammer and tongs, engaging in a fierce exchange that had the spectators roaring with delight. As they broke and closed again for another encounter, Basilio threw a right to the head which bounced Gavilan off balance. Then the champion started a left jab, but pulled back. Basilio caught Gavilan with a wicked left hook to the jaw which dropped the stunned Cuban to a sitting position and was the signal for the partisan crowd to start a wild demonstration, applauding their favorite. Gavilan wisely took a nine count though he appeared able to regain his feet earlier. Gavilan arose and back-pedalled with Basilio in hot pursuit. Basilio jolted Gavilan with a left hook but failed to follow up the advantage, preferring to hold back and not gamble on a knockout punch. Gavilan boxed smoothly awaiting the attack that never came. Victory could have been assured here for Basilio and with it the most stunning upset of the year.

Other sessions that figured in the voting for The Round of the Year were Rocky Marciano's one round knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott; Kid Gavilan's over-powering display against Johnny Bratton in the eighth round of their welterweight title contest, in which Bratton was pinned against the ropes and absorbed at least two score well-timed blows, obviously the turning point of the battle; and the Jimmy Carter savage and brutal attack on Tommy Collins in the third round of their world lightweight title bout in which Collins was dropped seven times.

MOST PROGRESS BY . . . . VALDES

By JERSEY JONES

WITH top talent, both in quality and in quantity, steadily declining in the international sock market, the main problem confronting harrassed promoters in 1953 was the production of "new faces" to replenish the dwindling supply of available headliners.

The net result was fairly encouraging. Capable newcomers couldn't be found quite fast enough to replace all the fading veterans, but out of the year's world-wide ring activity emerged some interesting developments. A score or more promising youngsters attained major status, and in several notable instances comparative veterans, previously undistinguished, suddenly shot into prominence.

No reasonable facsimiles of embryo Jack Dempseys, Benny Leonards or Ray Robinsons flashed across the fistic scene during the year, but a somewhat better-than-normal crop of juveniles included Floyd Patterson, Ralph Dupas, Cisco Andrade, Rocky Casillo, Al Andrews and Lulu Perez of the United States; Raton Macias of Mexico; Johnny Kelly of Ireland, Dai Dower of Wales, Hilaire Pratesi of France, Bruno Visintin and Bruno Tripodi of Italy, Eddie Thomas of South Africa, Pat Ford of Australia, Barry Brown of New Zealand and Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand.

Seasoned but not too highly regarded ringsters when the year began, and top-rated attractions when the twelve months ended, included Americans Wallace (Bud) Smith and Carmen Basilio, Canadian Earl Walls and Cuban Nino Valdes.

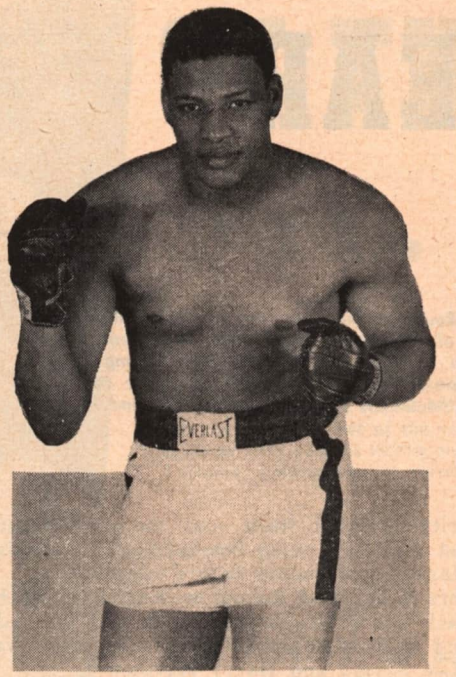
Of the lot, what fighter, youngster or veteran, could be credited with having made the most progress during 1953?

It's a ticklish query to play with, and one that invites lively arguments and discussions.

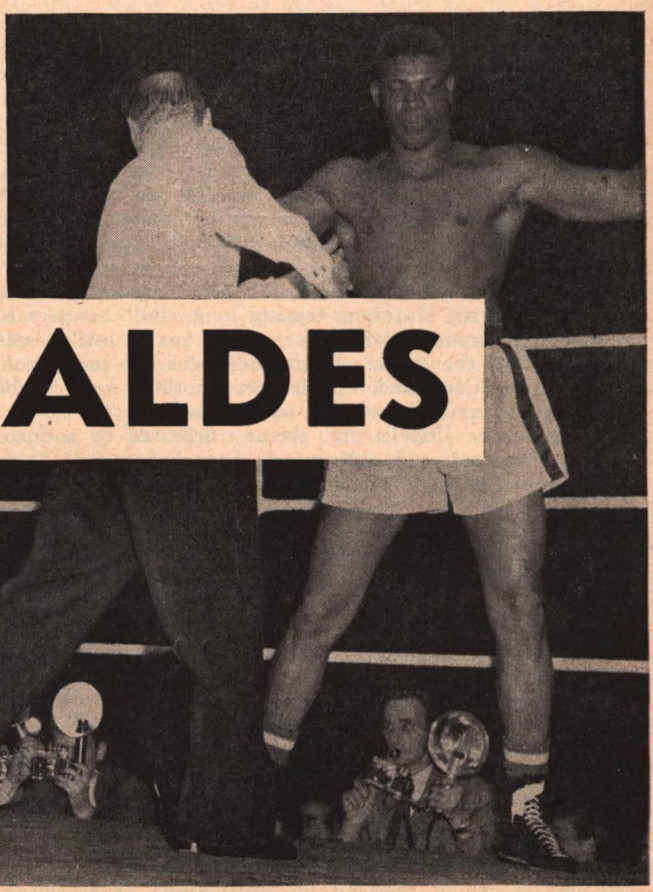
Let us consider the younger entries first.

THERE was 21-year-old Johnny Kelly, the Belfast southpaw, who completed his second year of professional campaigning by running an unbroken string of victories to twenty-one—an even dozen by knockouts—and collecting both the British and the European bantam titles en route.

Nino Valdes



Valdes knocking out European Champion Heinz Neuhaus in Dortmund, Germany. The victory over Neuhaus, following stunning defeat of Ezzard Charles in Miami Beach, completed spectacular year for the Cuban giant, who rose from obscurity to rating as No. 1 contender for world heavyweight title.



Until disaster overhauled him in his last start of the year, Australian lightweight Pat Ford had been another standout. A colorful slugger and lusty puncher, the 22-year-old Ford had become one of the island continent's most popular attractions. He twice whipped clever Frank Johnson of England—first by decision, then by knockout—for what was advertised as the British Empire title. Until that stunning setback by the touring Spaniard, Augustin Argote, Fords complete professional record showed eighteen wins, fifteen by kayos, in nineteen starts, and his only previous defeat had been squared away in a return match.

Next to Kelly, probably the best newcomer in Britain was flyweight Dai Dower, touted as the finest little fighting machine to come out of Wales since the great Jimmy Wilde. In his first year of pro glove-tossing, Dower ran off a dozen straight wins, several of them over ranking British opposition, and he ended the year listed among the world's ten top flyweights in The Ring's official ratings.

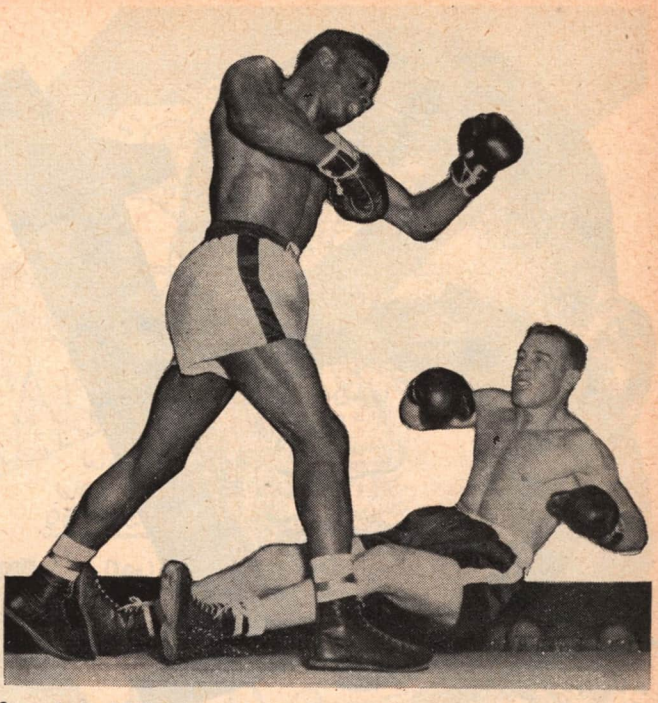
There was an unusual and somewhat grim touch to the spectacular advance of bantamweight Hilaire Pratesi, one of France's better juveniles. Hilaire is a younger brother of Honore Pratesi, former French flyweight champion, who died of injuries following a bout with Jake Tuli in London in December, 1952. Hilaire was only a promising preliminary kid at the time, and it was expected that his brother's tragic passing would discourage him from further ring activity. Apparently it worked in reverse. The youngster packed in a sensational year in 1953, and earned a rating among the leading Continental bantams.

THE long lull in Swedish ring activities during 1953 held up the progress of Ingemar Johansson, touted as the finest heavyweight prospect in Europe. After an impressive record in the amateurs—a disputed disqualification deprived him of the Olympic title at Helsinki—Johansson turned pro during the 1952-53 winter campaign, and got off to a fast start with a string of wins over fairly strong opposition. His advance was suddenly halted, however, when boxing in Sweden hit a protracted spell of inactivity, and it was nine months before Johansson resumed his interrupted career. But he was still winning when the year ended.

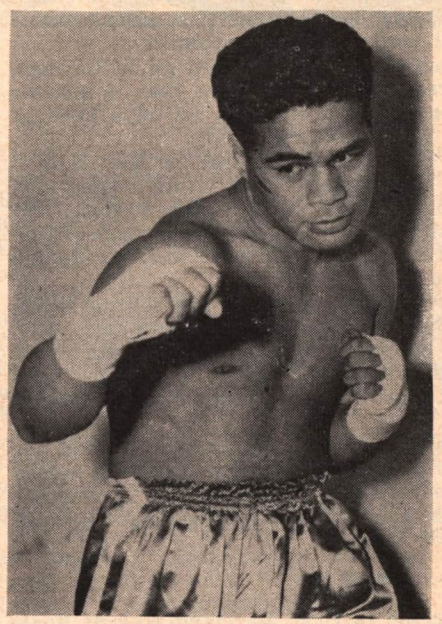
Discussing likely heavyweight prospects, probably the most interesting, and certainly the most colorful, of the year's developments was Kitione Lave, husky 19-year-old, 200-pound native of Tonga, in the Friendly Islands of the South Pacific. No dispatches to reach us so far have explained just how and where Lave learned to handle his fists, but as an unknown he drifted to New Zealand early in the year and started challenging the local heavyweights. Given a tryout, he won in a hurry, became an immediate sensation, and before the year was out had established himself as a tremendous attraction. His New Zealand record showed seven straight knockouts, victims including Don Mullett, the veteran Dominion champion, and a couple of importations from Australia.

UNTIL he was beaten so decisively by Dave Gallardo in their return match in Madison Square Garden, 20-year-old Lulu Perez of Brooklyn was a strong candidate for selection as the outstanding American development of 1953. From a promising but little known local youngster when the year began, Perez had boxed and punched his way into headline status and a high rating among the world's leading featherweights. Time may prove that Lulu's defeat by Gallardo was only a temporary setback, but it was sufficient to eliminate the Brooklynite from consideration as the year's most "progressive" performer.

Another Brooklynite, 19-year-old Floyd Patterson, continued unbeaten through 1953, but he wasn't as active as he could have been, and his entire year's output was limited to five bouts, bringing his total professional starts to nine since he left the amateurs after his brilliant record in the 1952 Olympiad at Helsinki. While Patterson didn't fight too often during the past twelve months, he made the most of what opportunities he was given, and the calibre of the opposition he whipped earned him an unusual distinction. In crashing The Ring's select circle of the world's ten outstanding light-heavyweights, Floyd, at 19 became the first fighter to merit such a lofty rating after only nine professional bouts.



Star of the 1952 Olympiad, Floyd Patterson of Brooklyn continued his spectacular professional career by adding five victories in 1953, running his unbeaten string to nine, and qualifying for rating among world's ten top light-heavyweights. Patterson is seen here polishing off one of his victims, Gordon Wallace of Canada.



One of brightest prospects uncovered during 1953 was Kitione Lave, 19-year-old native of Tonga in the Friendly Islands of the South Seas. Unknown when he arrived, youngster became sensation in New Zealand by scoring seven straight knockouts, one of them over the Dominion champion.

SO much for the younger generation. What of the "oldsters," those surprising veterans who, after years of inconspicuous effort, suddenly became Big Timers?

For one, there was Carmen Basilio, the Syracuse welterweight. Basilio had been fighting nearly five years without attracting undue attention. He was a tough slugger and good puncher, but considered too slow, clumsy and awkward ever to rise above the status of what the trade classifies as "club-fighter." Then, during 1953, the Syracusan began to account for startling events. He drew, then won, in a rugged two-bout series with favored Billy Graham, and followed with a sensational performance against Kid Gavilan for the world title. At the end of the year Basilio was rated Gavilan's No. 1 challenger.

Then, there was Earl Walls, the Canadian heavyweight, who had been bouncing around the landscape for four or five years, accomplishing nothing of importance. Walls

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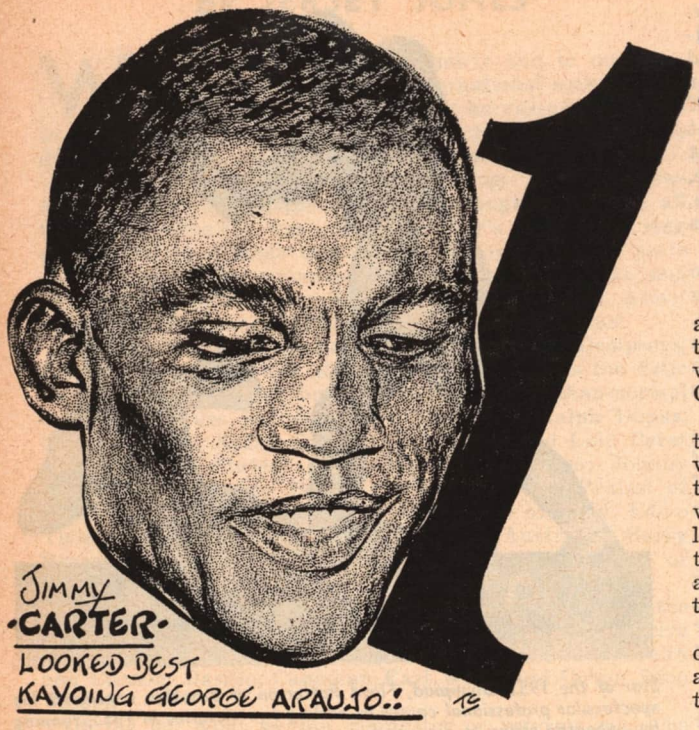
11 STANDOUT FIGHTS of '53

By TED CARROLL



CONTROVERSIES of one kind or another struck the key note in the standout battles of 1953. There were some quality performances on the part of the champions but most of the big bouts of the past year aroused stormy swells of doubt, confusion, and complaint.

The Walcott-Marciano heavy title return go in Chicago, with the veteran Jerseyman getting more than a quarter of a million bucks for sitting things out, set off a blast of bellyaching over the unsatisfactory ending.

The sponsors who coughed up $250,000 for less than 3 minutes of "Teevee" advertising time, hardly enough for the onlookers even to learn the name of the product, had most cause for complaint but did the least. The sponsor was back at the same old stand the very next week as though nothing had happened.

The customers, some of whom went for the $50 top tariff, took a worst licking than any heavyweight crowd since 1930, when Max Schmeling flopped to the canvas in the 4th round bawling "foul" and sent $750,000 worth of patrons home talking to themselves. But that's boxing—one never knows what to expect.

But if the sponsor and the crowd took things in stride, the press certainly didn't and the arguments raged for weeks over whether old Jersey Joe was really tagged or whether he should have brought that old rocking chair into the ring with him that night of May 15.

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Prior to the uproar the farcical Marciano-Walcott finale which had caused such mutterings and mumblings, there occurred another incident for the country to get stirred up about. This took place in staid old Boston on April 24, where Jimmy Carter met Tommy Collins for the lightweight title in the Boston Garden. The collapsible Collins, only a featherweight and overmatched to begin with, hit the deck more times than any fighter in recent history—ten in 4 rounds, while Referee Tommy Rawson, a former fighter, watched as though mesmerized by what he saw!

The TV audiences which true to free-loading traditions, has a bottomless capacity for indignation, rose enmasse throughout the country and bombarded everybody from President Eisenhower down with yowls for the hide of the transfixed official, for permitting such a spectacle to continue.

Prior to the Walcott-Marciano what-was-it, a hint of things to come cropped up in the Gavilan-Davey welter title fight, also in Chicago, on Feb. 11. A turnout which bulged the walls of the Stadium, joined with millions of tee-vee-viewers to form the most partisan audience in history as their darling Chuck Davey turned out to be just a school teacher playing hookey from his classroom when tossed in with a battle hardened fist-fighting champion like Kid Gavilan.

The next day the public which had contributed $275,454 to the big indoor gate and a hitherto unmatched number of watchers before the TV screens, made the belated discovery that this immature college boy shouldn't have been in there with a guy like Gavilan in the first place. The press, which led the chorus of complaint, wasn't too consistent here since tremendous pre-fight coverage had been given the contest and every large paper in the U. S. had representatives at the ringside.

Overlooking this obvious contradiction, the beefing went on with the poor I.B.C. the villain of the piece for making a match which aroused such pre-fight interest, it kept the whole country glued to its living room sets.

Most of the after-bout-beefing that went on here could be charged to disappointment over the downfall of a boy of unusual appeal, class and personality.

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In the only lightheavyweight title match of 1953, the second Maxim-Moore match held in Ogden, Utah on June 24, the squawk had a time worn tinge. Here, the decision was the bone of contention, and there was some validity to the protest, since it was a very close fight, but not close enough to deprive the titleholder, Moore, of his title in the general opinion.

Oldtimers got a chuckle out of the unfamiliar role in which fate had cast ole Doc Kearns, Maxim's manager, that of the wronged party in a boxing hassle. Remembering such productions masterminded by the old medicine man of the mitts, as the Tiger Flowers-Mickey Walker middleweight title fight in Chicago way back in 1927, in which Flowers won nearly every round but lost his title, fight people were inclined to laugh off Doc's pitch about being the innocent lamb in a lair of lions.

While the Moore-Maxim go was no thriller, the TV audience probably enjoyed the inspiring mountain scenery which formed a backdrop for the fight more than the fight itself, Maxim's showing was a vast improvement over his performance in his title losing contest with Archie six months before.

The 175-pound clash was also unique in that it was the first title match ever held in the state of Utah, and among the imported officials was Ring Editor Nat Fleischer who acted as a Judge.

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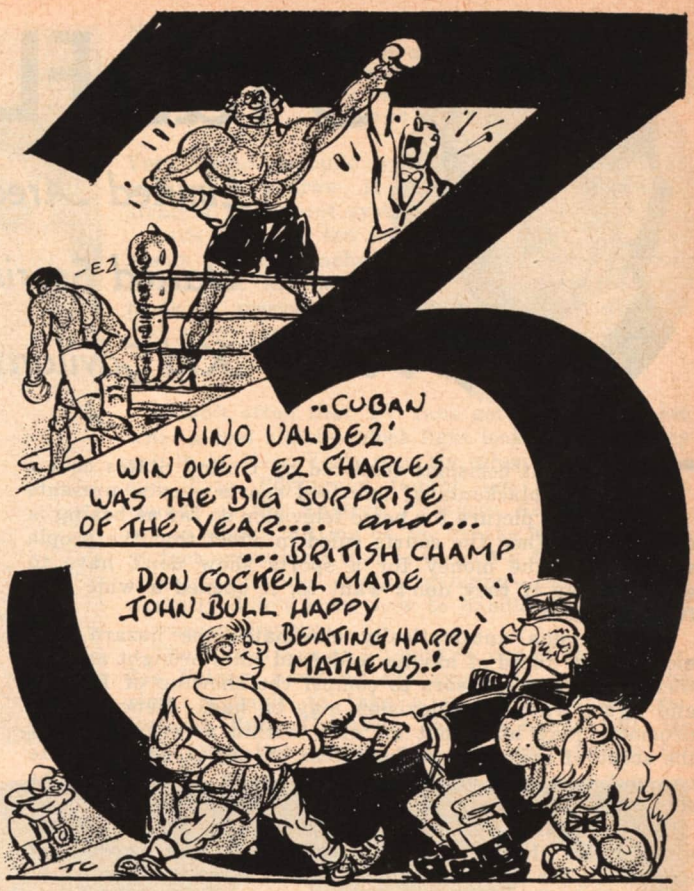
Running along in the same controversial vein, the result of the Basilio-Gavilan welter title fight, held in Syracuse in a hall-seething with upstate supporters of the rugged farm boy, kicked up a ruckus when the verdict retaining Gavilan's title was announced. New York City referee George Walsh needed the cops to make his getaway after that one as the Basilio boosters made a menacing bee line for the ring and the referee when his decision was proclaimed.

The uproar was provoked by the second round knockdown, scored by Carmen over the cement chinned Cuban, who found himself on the canvas for only the second time since he took up the ring as a profession 11 years ago. Gavilan came on enough in the later rounds to satisfy the three officials that he was winner and still champion, but the crowd tossed a mass conniption when their boy's valiant try fell a whisper short of lifting the Cuban's crown.

This battle was waged before a gathering which set a local record with a $74,000 intake on September 18.



The old time jammed-to-the-rafters crowd numbering 18,869 and paying $167,651 that stormed Madison Sq. Garden for the middleweight title match between English Randy Turpin and Hawaiian Bobo Olson, on October 21 had no particular peeve over the fight itself since it was fairly exciting and the American's triumph was a popular one.

But our British cousins weren't too happy about it, making doleful observations that Turpin's manner of preparation for the fight wasn't worthy of a country's standard bearer in a big international contest. Many Americans went along with them here, voicing agreement with the British attitude. English writers, who found themselves in the perplexing position of rooting against Randy on personal grounds, but for him on patriotic ones, led the parade of protest over the unconventional and lackadaisical methods he followed in getting ready for a bout of such importance.

On August 17 at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena, an American bantamweight title bout was held between South Carolina's little Pappy Gault and California's Billy Peacock. Worthy of mention because it was the first affair between fellows of this size ever given the coast-to-coast TV treatment in the U. S., the decision here, which went to Peacock, didn't satisfy everybody either, although there were no mass demonstrations or anything like that about it.

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The last title bout of the year, in which perennial rivals Kid Gavilan and Johnny Bratton had it out for the third time, before still another sellout crowd in Chicago fomented the same type fuss stirred up by the Carter-Collins embroglio, earlier in the year. Here again, the third man in the ring, Frank Gilmer, a lawyer who was apparently waiting for a Supreme Court decision ordering him to take action, was blasted on all sides for permitting the helpless Bratton to take more unnecessary punishment than has been seen in a long time.

The countrywide sour mood over the referee's indifference to the stricken Bratton did Gavilan a poor turn, since it obscured the calibre of his performance which was one of the best of a crowded career. Bratton had made things

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Limited Area Blackouts of Fights Okayed

Varied Scoring Systems Confuse TV Fans

Kid Gavilan Makes Hit in Dancing Debut

THE recent decisions rendered by United States courts on area blackouts of televised sports events, presents a serious picture for home television so far as boxing is concerned. When the courts ruled in effect that the people who put up the money for a sports show don't have to give it away if they don't want to, it opened a wide field for promoters.

The decision automatically eliminates the hazard promoters have faced of having to defend suits brought against them and their sponsors to compel the showing of football and fights wherever television may be had. Henceforth a promoter may black out an area within seventy miles of the scene of operation without fear of any comebacks. He can put his show on or black it out—in short, do as he sees fit without fear of legal interference.

But is means even more than a mere territory blackout green light. Home viewers in the future may as well get used to it, for the handwriting is on the wall. It won't be long before they will be asked to put a coin into a slot to see a fight on TV. More and more the blackouts will be put through by promoters, especially when big fights are staged such as the recent, Marciano-La Starza and Gavilan-Bratton contests which were televised, but not in the vicinity of the city where the fight was held.

The huge turnouts for these blacked out fights, proved its economic soundness. The big gates were evidence that blackouts pay dividends. What happened then, is certain to be the pattern for future major sports contests based on the courts' decision.

Theatre television has paid dividends and now the Jim Norris organization is playing with paid home television. Since the public has displayed a willingness to see a fight on a theatre screen and pay from two to four dollars for a reserved seat, Norris is of the opinion that if and when the coin television plan is ready for operation, they will be just as eager to see a big fight on the home TV by paying a small fee, that which will be placed in the coin box.

It's coming, readers. Make no mistake about it.

Mike Jacobs predicted it six years ago and so did General Kilpatrick, President of Madison Square Garden and their prediction will come true ere long.

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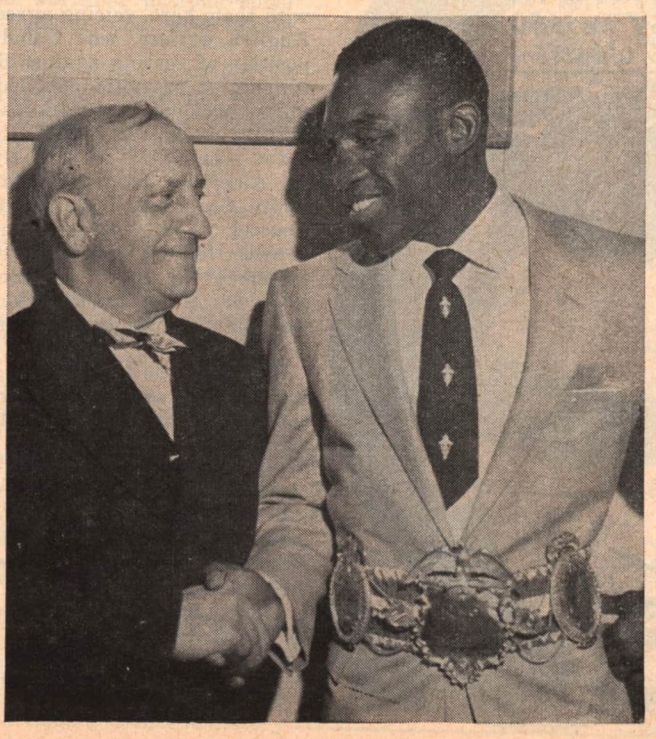


Jimmy Carter congratulated by Nat Fleischer upon receipt of The Ring Lightweight Championship belt. He got the above for defeating Lauro Salas and regaining the title. This was Jimmy's second award. The Ring has made 162 such gifts to title holders since 1922.

New York boxing writers, who cover more fights than those in any other part of our nation and therefore should be in an excellent position to judge the best system of scoring, unanimously voted against the recently accepted National Boxing Association's ten point straight system which goes into effect at the start of the new year. At a special session of the Boxing Writers' Association of which I am president, out of thirty voting members present, the vote was unanimously against the new system. However, seventeen voted for the straight round-by-round scoring while thirteen declared in favor of the present New York system in which the round scoring is augmented by points, one to four, which must be used in the event the fight ends in a draw in rounds. The last named is called the Eddie Eagan system.

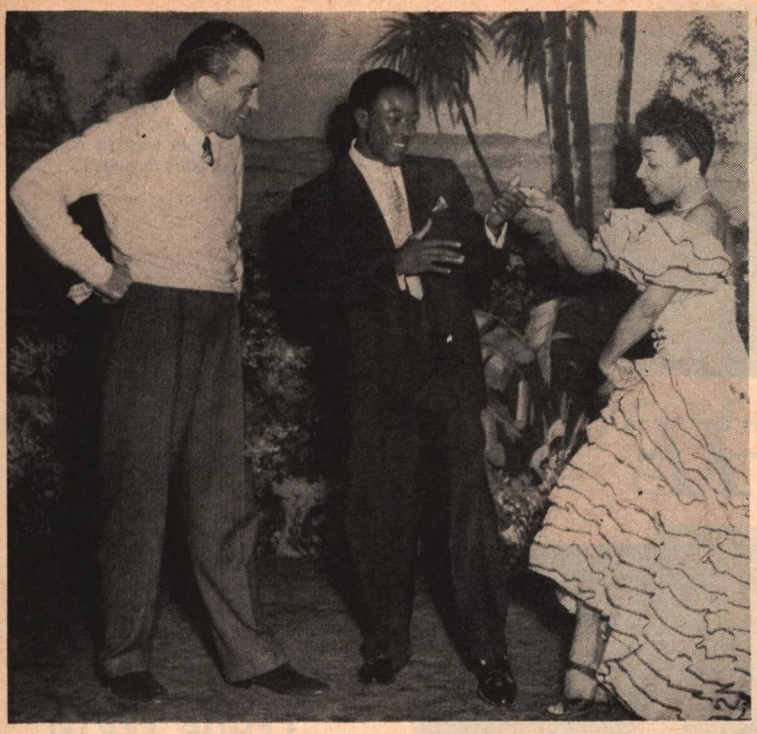
The matter was brought up because of the many letters received by newspapers from TV viewers asking why there isn't a uniform method of scoring to avoid the present confusion. That, of course, was the aim of the N.B.A. when at its Milwaukee meeting, the members decided on the ten points straight method, which gives to each winner a must ten and to the loser a lesser number of points based on the margin of victory by his adversary in that round.

The arguments that preceded the voting by the writers was indicative of the confusion of the televiewers because many of the men present didn't know the various systems in use now in fights that are televised. There are, for example, the New York Eagan system, the Wisconsin four points method in which rounds are ignored; the California eleven points scoring; the New Jersey round-by-round tabulating; the ten points breakdown system, in which the points are split for an even round, five to five, etc.

No wonder the TV fans are confused when they hear the announcement that "A" won over "B" by 56 to 44 points in a ten rounder in which the split system is used or by a tally of 96 to 94 with the straight ten system; or 57½ to 52½ in a ten rounder in California.

Often, listening to the report of a New York fight, they hear the announcer report, that the Referee has the fight even in rounds but gives it to "A", 7 points to 6; Judge Jones has the rounds even and gives the fight to "B" by 6 points to 5 and Judge Smith gives "A" the fight by 5 rounds to four and one even. The winner is "A".

Robert K. Christenberry, Chairman of the New York Commission was the first to institute a survey to ascertain what system would be



Now it's Kid Gavilan, the actor. The world welter king made his debut as a dancer on "The Toast of the Town", Ed Sullivan's Sunday international show. Sullivan, former New York sports editor and now Daily News Columinist, is on left.

York round-by-round with the four point scoring to prevent a draw, if possible or the Wisconsin straight four point system. They are the best.

Let's drop the ten points NBA tally. The same result may be reached by the four point method. New York has proved over the years that it's mode of procedure is best so why not dish all and adopt that nationally?

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It isn't often that TV fans get a chance to see what a real old time dock fight looks like, but they got it in New York recently when Joe Giardello and Tuzo Portuguez fought ten vicious, dirty rounds at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Butting, use of elbows, hitting on the breaks, use of knees—in fact everything that is termed a foul under the rules of boxing except gouging—the boys apparently didn't know how to handle that properly—was on display.

There even was an attempt by one of the seconds, Joe Friday, handling Portuguez, to get into the ring, probably to take a pot shot at someone. Referee Ruby Goldstein had his hands full. He took away two rounds, one from each fighter for rough playing. For this, Friday was suspended on the spot by Commissioner Christenberry.

Referee Ruby Goldstein halting the fight between Joe Giardello and Tugo Portuguez, (right) to warn them that he will stop the rough battle unless the boys obey the rules. Giardello won the unanimous decision at the Eastern Parkway Arena of New York.

Goldstein would have done well had he tossed both fighters out of the ring, but he did an excellent job by curbing the men after halting the bout and warning them. The fight was the roughest, most turbulent affair seen in New York since the Zivic-Bummy Davis fracas. It was a disgraceful exhibition, one that gave the televiewers an opportunity to see the type of boxing that was outlawed when boxing commissions took over.

Let's have no more of this. With television at home catering to the youth of the land, it behooves our commissions to act firmly against rowdyism.

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British sports scribes were het up over the suspension of Randy Turpin by the New York State Athletic Commission following the court action instituted against him by a New York woman. "The Sporting Review" commenting on the edict said: "British justice doesn't work that way. A man is innocent until such time as he is proved guilty. Action such as that taken by New York's Commission in our country would have led to contempt of court action."

The New York Commission was merely complying with the law.

best for the entire nation. He held conferences with individual newspapermen. He went over the various scoring systems. He had each thoroughly analyzed and like the New York writers, he came to the conclusion that either the round-by-round or the round-by-round augmented by the Eagan four points scoring is the best. It is the opinion of the staff of "The Ring," which has made a close study of all systems, that the present method employed in New York is tops and Christenberry decided to retain the present Eagan scoring.

One of the many arguments waged against the present New York method was based on the fact that in horse racing, foot racing, auto racing, swimming and boating among other sports, if two or more break the line at the same time, the event is termed a draw. Hence why try to avoid a draw in boxing? Pennsylvania, New York and California, will continue their own systems.

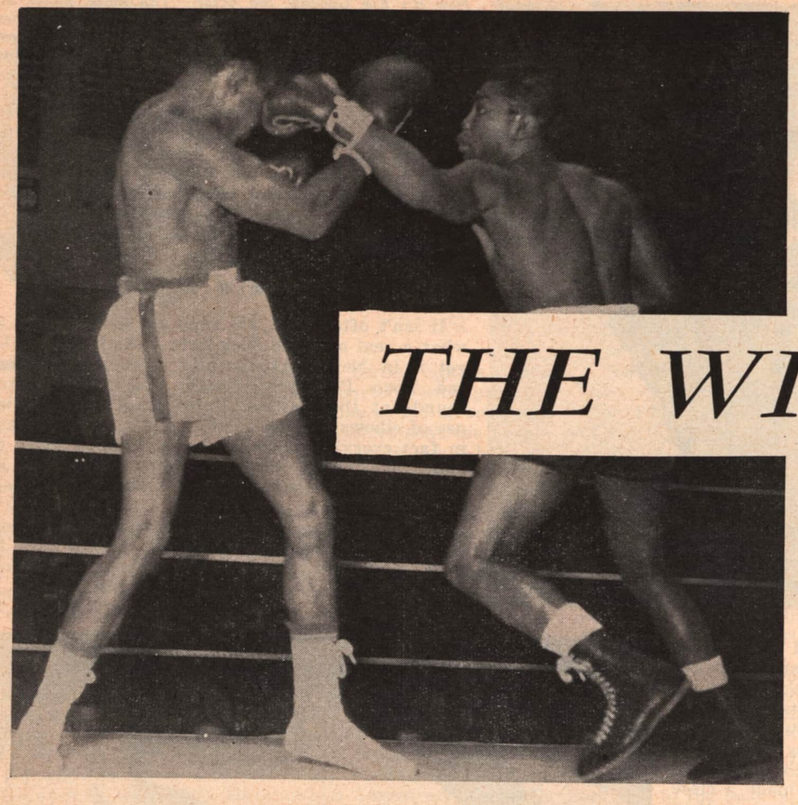
Ned Brown (veteran scribe, who many years ago was Sports Editor of the Morning World of New York, and has covered boxing close to fifty years, was spokesman for the round-by-round, minus the points and his discussion met with favor. He asked, "why is a draw in a boxing bout objectionable? Is it necessary when rounds are even and the fighters have fought to a draw, to attempt to give the bout to one of the contestants on the basis of a point margin according to the Eagan method of tallying, but ignoring the original decision reached?"

It was his argument that turned the tide and brought out the vote in favor of a straight round-by-round system as the best by which to judge a fight.

Personally I think the N.B.A. method is too complicated. I was never in favor of any system that gives more than five points to fighters who box an even round and so argued at the Milwaukee Annual N.B.A. session, but to no avail.

I had the occasion some years ago, during the war, to referee 53 out of 88 fights in Army and A.U. competition in New Mexico and was informed that I had to score each fight on the basis of twenty points to the winner. Well I did, but I also kept my score on the New York basis to make certain that I wouldn't go wrong. I recall that one of the judges kept holding up the announcement of the winner on several occasions because he had difficulty in tallying his sheet.

Such confusion is unnecessary. Let's have one of three systems to help TV viewers—the round-by-round, the New



Danny Womber, scores with a left to the head of Kid Gavilan, welterweight champ, in their fight at Syracuse, N. Y., on May 2nd. The Hawk's loss to Womber was the only loss suffered in ten fights during the year.

THE WINNER!

By

LEWIS ESKIN

UPSETS are to be expected in boxing as in other sports, but not in years have we had as many as took place during the past twelve months. In fact, the Eastern Parkway Arena, which has become a national institution on the television of fights, had so many of them that it has become known as "The House of Upsets".

Week after week, favorites have gone down to defeat before long shot underdogs. The past year will go down as one in which top ranking fighters found the going pretty tough against opposition which should have been polished off.

In some cases, the victim already was hitting the downgrade hence the upset wasn't given too much attention but in many other cases, the stunning defeats were suffered by world rated boxers who figured to win easily. Every class, from heavyweights right through the flyweight division, was racked with surprising victories by short enders. Although no champions lost their crowns in such upsets, three were defeated in non-title bouts.

Lightweight king, Jimmy Carter lost three decisions in non-title contests. He dropped bouts to Eddie Chavez, Armand Savoie, whom he later kayoed in a title fight and to welterweight Johnny Cunningham, a fourth rater, who took time off from his job as a garbage collector in Baltimore to step in as a last minute substitute against Carter in Miami, Fla. on September 12th and punch his way to a ten round decision. It was only the sixth fight Johnny had won since 1948.

Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan lost only once in ten fights during the year. That was a stunning upset in which he was outscored by Danny Womber in ten rounds at Syracuse, N. Y. on May 2.

Strangely enough it was also in the same ring that Gavilan was floored and almost lost his crown in his bout with Carmen Basilio. A late rally enabled him to retain his title.

Flyweight boss, Yoshio Shirai, suffered an upset loss, when he was halted in seven rounds by Leo Espinosa of Manila at Tokyo on September 19th.

However, it was a fight between two heavyweights that furnished the upset of the year. This took place in Miami Beach, Fla. on August 11, when former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, who had fought his way back to the top ranking challenger's post, dropped a decision to Nino Valdes of Cuba.

Charles' string of wins had Ezz looking like a lead pipe clinch to be Rocky Marciano's next foe, but while waiting for the title match to be signed, Charles fought around the country picking up some loose change. In Miami Beach he faced as an opponent Nino Valdes, the newly crowned Cuban champion who was not given a chance against Charles. Valdes had been beaten by light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, and had lost to Harold Johnson, Bob Baker and Bill Gilliam, yet he turned in a great victory over Ezzard. Less than a month later, Charles suffered another upset loss when he was outpointed by Harold Johnson.

Valdes has since become the hottest attraction in the heavyweight class. In his last fight he kayoed European champion Heinz Neuhaus in four rounds in another upset bout.

Cunningham's win over Carter is the year's second ranked upset, with Gavilan's loss to Womber, and Don Cockell's win over Harry Matthews, following in that order.

Cockell, the British Empire heavyweight ruler, a rollypolly belter, was given little chance against Matthews in Harry's own back yard, yet he floored Matthews and won the verdict.

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British boxing had a few surprises, Sammy McCarthy's loss to Hogan (Kid) Bassey. which snapped Sammy's undefeated string, was quite a form breaker. Cockell's winning of the British Empire heavyweight crown from Johnny Williams, was also a big shock to the fistic followers in England.

In Europe, the triumph of Jean Sneyers over Ray Famechon for the European featherweight title was the year's biggest upset. Sneyers of Belgium had held the European flyweight and bantamweight crowns and was considered to be a washed-up veteran and a soft touch for the Frenchman.

Other European upsets were Charley Humez's kayo at the hands of Ernie Durando; Jacques Herbillon's knockout of Jacques Prigent for the French lightweight title; Louis Carrara's win over Joergen Johansen, the European lightweight champion in a non-title match and Franz Szuzina's kayo of the American, Jimmy King.

The winning of the British Empire lightweight title by Pat Ford from Frankie Johnson was Australia's big upset of the year. Ford stopped Johnson in a return bout to prove his first win was no fluke.

In South Africa, Eddie Thomas kayoed Peter Gallymore in the big surprise in that place. It was only Thomas' third pro fight.

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Going through the divisions one by one, there were plenty of form reversals. Among the heavyweights, Earl Walls' one round kayo of Rex Layne was a stunner, as was Bob Satterfield's one round finish of Bob Baker. Freddy Beshore's feat in holding Harry Matthews to a draw was also an eyebrow raiser.

In the light heavyweight class, Larry Watson's win over Danny Nardico caused a lot of surprise, as did Dick Wagner's kayo of Joey DeJohn and Paul Andrews' knockout over Bob Dunlap.

The middleweights had many upsets. Garth Panter beat Pierre Langlois; and Langlois' won over Rocky Castellani, then lost to Joe Rindone—each an upset.

Al Andrews' two triumphs over Chuck Davey; Joey Giardello's win over Gil Turner; Turner's victory that snapped Johnny Saxton's winning streak were classified as upsets. Also Paddy Young's victory over Ernie Durando; Jesse Turner's defeat of Norman Hayes and Holly Mims' knockout of Willie Troy, to break Troy's unbeaten skein—added to the list.

In the welterweight class, Ramon Fuentes won over Art Aragon; Italo Scortichini won over Gerry Dreyer; Carmen Basilio decisioned Billy Graham; Pat Manzi stopped Joe Miceli, and Miceli's loss to Irvin Steen were big upsets. Then there were Del Flanagan's kayo of Alan Moody, and his own kayo at the hands of Lester Felton; Carmine Fiore's wins over Danny Womber, and Danny Giovanelli; Giovanelli's kayo by Rocky Casillo and Chico Vejar's victory over Vince Martinez. Those all helped to scramble the welterweight picture.

The lightweights too, had their share of scrambled results, Wallace Smith held Johnny Saxton to a draw then lost to Orlando Zulueta only to upset Zulueta in a return meeting.

Tony DeMarco won over Paddy DeMarco and Teddy Davis twice beat George Araujo for surprise victories. Araujo had been a favorite in his title fight early in the year with Jimmy Carter but was kayoed in 13 rounds. Araujo's form reversal was among the year's biggest upsets.

Bonnie Espinosa's win over Eddie Chavez and Ralph Dupas victory over Johnny Gonsalves, as well as Ralph's loss to Brian Kelly and Orlando Zulueta's defeat of Arthur Persley were among the headline surprises in the lightweight class.

Newly crowned interim featherweight champion Percy Bassett's losses to Arthur Persley and Dave Gallardo, featured the feather upsets.

Gallardo's kayo by Charley Riley and Bill Bossio's wins over Miguel Berrios and Gene Smith and Smith's loss to Corky Gonzales and Corky's defeat by Lulu Perez, were all in the upset category.

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Billy Peacock, the American bantamweight king, had his hand in three big upsets. He won the California 118 pound title from Oscar Torres and lost it to Baby Face Gutierrez. Those two bouts were considered big surprises on the West Coast. But Peacock came back to win the American title from Henry (Pappy) Gault in another upset.

While not resulting in upsets, the great losing fights turned in by Dave Gallardo against Lulu Perez in their first meeting; Tuzo Portuguez's thrilling hairline losses to Joey Giambra and his near kayo of Johnny Bratton, were unlooked for surprises.

The poor showings turned in by Chuck Davey against Kid Gavilan, Tommy Collins against Jimmy Carter and Jersey Joe Walcott against Rocky Marciano, as well as the easy time Carl (Bobo) Olson had in defeating Paddy Young and Randy Turpin, caused lots of talk.

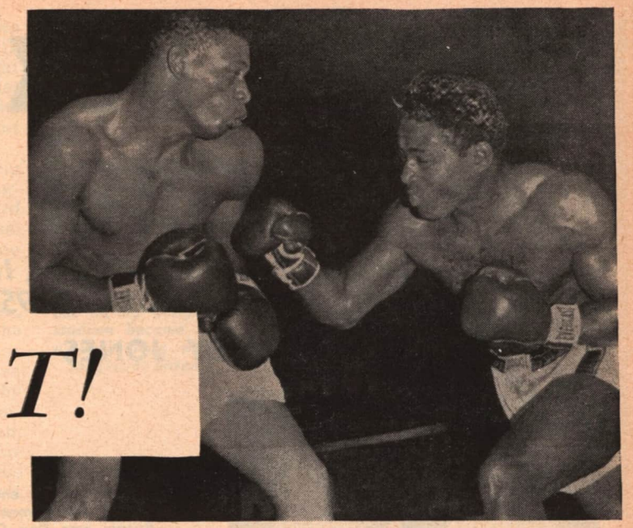
Other close fights turned in by boys who were given little chance of winning, were Joey Maxim's great fight in his bid to regain the light heavyweight title from Archie Moore in Ogden, Utah and Charley Williams' fine fights with Gil Turner and Willie Troy.

Bill Gilliam's good performances in losing to Harold Johnson and Ezzard Charles also were surprises as were the fine losing bids of Ralph Jones against Kid Gavilan and Bobby Jones in his fights with Willie Troy.

Yes Sir; Kid Upset was a most consistent winner in 1953.

1953, One of Boxing's Biggest Years for Upsets.

KID UPSET!

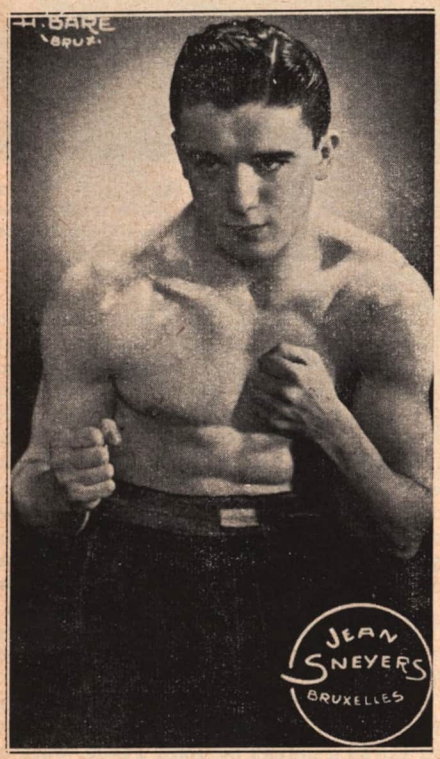


Nino Valdes, (left) Cuban heavyweight champion, blocks a left thrown by Ezzard Charles during their bout at Miami Beach, Florida, on August 11th. Valdes' surprising win over Charles was the upset of the year!

World Boxing Normal

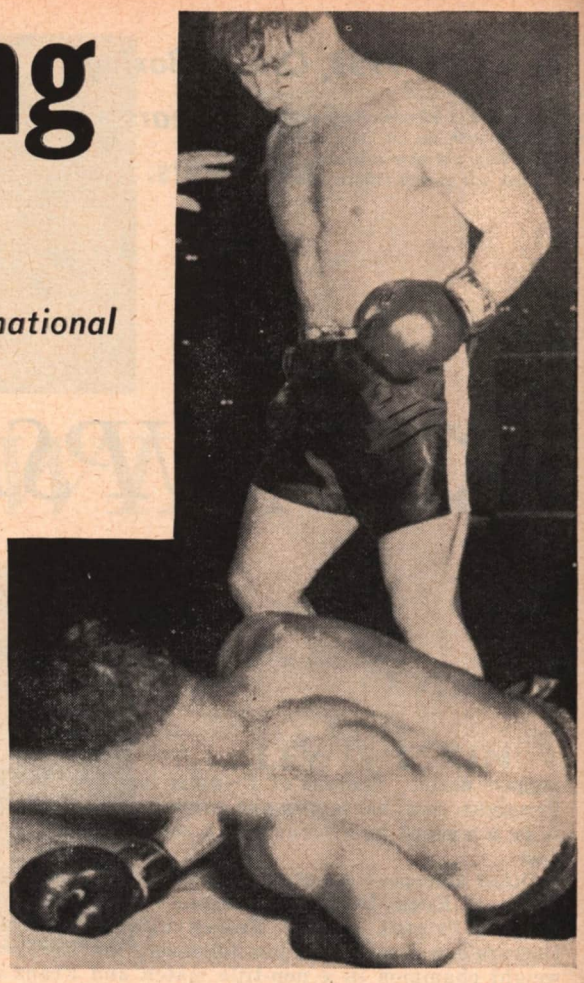
Despite Dearth of Outstanding Matches, International Activity Continued Lively in 1953.

By JERSEY JONES



Jean Sneyers of Belgium, who completed remarkable "triple" in 1953 by winning his third European championship, this one the featherweight. Previously, he had annexed flyweight title in 1950, and bantamweight crown in 1952, but had given them up when he outgrew the divisions.

Robert Cohen, young Algerian, whose rapid rise helped to soften some stunning disappointments suffered by French fans during year. Cohen continued along the winning way to establish himself as No. 1 contender for world bantamweight championship.



One of the few encouraging developments in Britain was Don Cockell's comeback as heavyweight. After winning British title, Cockell visited United States to toss lacing into Harry Matthews. Cockell is seen here scoring one of three knockdowns that cinched verdict over American rival.

IT was pretty much "Business As Usual" on the far-flung sectors of the international boxing front in 1953.

Ring activity throughout the world could best be described as "normal." Outstanding fights were few, and for the most part the year was an uninspired one, but the promoters kept plugging along, doing the best they could with what material they had, and an overall recapitulation for the twelve months revealed few serious complaints. Boxing slumped in a few areas, picked up in others, and held its own in most.

As in the United States, the main problem confronting promoters in Britain, Europe, Australia and other major centers of leather-tossing activity was a continuing decline in top talent and big-time attractions. Comparatively few exciting youngsters came along to arouse the enthusiasm of their compatriots.

Britain probably was the heaviest "loser" of the year, professionally and financially. The British suffered a particularly discouraging jolt when their leading representative, Randy Turpin, failed to regain the middleweight title after Ray Robinson's retirement. Turpin's disappointing campaign left the tight little isle without one serious contender for a world championship, although some enthusiasm was beginning to develop for the possibilities of heavyweight Don Cockell.

The British suffered another disillusionment when one of their most promising youngsters, featherweight Sammy McCarthy, whom they had been enthusiastically envisioning as a certain champion, stumbled badly in his bid for big-time recognition.

Adding to the woes of the nation's fistic fraternity was a high amusement tax which made operations difficult for many promoters and impossible for others. Some clubs struggled to maintain fairly regular schedules, but others had to curtail their activities, and still others were forced to close down entirely. When official statistics for the year are released by the British Boxing Board of Control, they are expected to show at least a 30 percent decline from the 1952 figures.

THE outstanding attraction of the year in Britain was the bout between Turpin and Charley Humez of France in the European elimination for the vacant world middleweight title. The match, staged by Jack Solomons in London's vast White City Stadium, was a tremendous success from the standpoint of promotion, but a drab, dreary disappointment as a fight.

Despite the generally bleak atmosphere surrounding British boxing during the year, there were a few encouraging developments. The most important was the fine record compiled by Cockell as a heavyweight. Attributing his disappointing campaign as a light-heavy to weight-making difficulties, Don came back in 1953 as a full-fledged heavy. After putting "finis" to Tommy Farr's long, gallant ring career by stopping the Welsh veteran in Nottingham, Cockell trounced Johnny Williams in London for the British title. Don then visited the United States to toss a surprise lacing into Harry Matthews in the latter's own bailiwick, Seattle. Cockell ended his year's schedule by whipping the Italian champion, Uber Bacilieri, in Leicester.

Next to Cockell's progress in heavyweight competition, the liveliest advance in the British Isles was accounted for by Johnny Kelly, the Irish bantamweight. Kelly, whose entire professional career had been confined to Belfast rings, capped an impressive campaign by relieving the Scot, Peter Keenan, of the British and European 118-pound titles.

Rated one of the world's top light-heavyweights, Yolande Pompey of Trinidad continued his unbeaten record in England. The West Indian, who fought as a middleweight as well as a light-heavy, numbered three visiting Americans among his victims. Jimmy Slade was decisioned while Ray Barnes and Jimmy King were knocked out. During the year, Pompey (or Pompee, as it also has been spelled) took time out for a quick hop to Singapore, to demolish the Fiji Islander, Isimeli Radrodro.

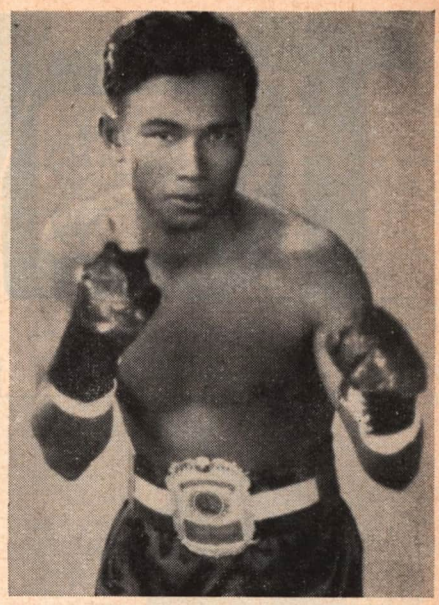
London, of course, continued to be the main base of British fistic operations in 1953, with Liverpool and Manchester in England and Belfast in Ireland as the most active of the other major centers. There was little boxing of consequence in Scotland and Wales.

FEW noticeable changes, either for the better or for the worse, were reported on the European continent. France, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Germany, Denmark and Italy continued to be active in boxing, and general results were about on a par with the previous year's.

The French suffered a series of stunning shocks during the year when two of their best entries, middleweight Charley Humez and featherweight Ray Famechon, met up with serious reverses in international competition, and one of their finest youngsters, featherweight Ray Grassi, was fatally injured in the ring. These shocks, however, did not seem to have too much of a deterrent effect on French boxing in general. Action continued at a lively pace throughout the land. There probably were more fighters and fight clubs operating in France than in any nation in Europe. The busiest cities were Paris, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Lille, Rouen, Laon, Rheims, Nice and St. Nazaire, and the leading attractions included the light-heavyweight Charles Colin, middleweight Claude Milazzo, welterweight Gilbert Lavoine, lightweights Jacques Herbillon, Lahouari Godih, Jacques Prigent and Hoacine Khalfi, featherweights Jacques Bataille, Marcel Ranvial and Mohamed Chickaoui, and bantamweights Robert Cohen, Emil Chemama, Andre Valignat and Hilaire Pratesi.

Germany was rudely jolted when its European heavyweight champion, Heinz Neuhaus, was wrecked by the visiting Cuban, Nino Valdes, but there was no apparent lessening of national interest in boxing, and the sport continued to flourish in the major communities of Berlin, Dortmund, Hamburg, Dusseldorf and Cologne. Recognized among *Deutschland's* better fighters were light-heavyweights Gerhard Hecht and Willi Hoepner, middleweights Hans Stretz and Gustav Scholz, and lightweight Werner Handke.

There was little important activity in Holland, but local boxing in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague moved along at a brisk pace, and the Dutch gathered encouragement for the future from the steady progress of up-and-coming youngsters. Probably the best developments were



Bantamweight Chamrern Songkitrat, who contributed to boxing's spreading popularity in Far East by becoming sensational attraction in his native Thailand. A sell-out in big Bangkok stadium became the usual thing when Songkitrat boxed.

light-heavyweight Wim Snoek, middleweight Leen Jansen, welterweight Piet van Klaveren, featherweight Henk Klok and bantamweight Henk van der Zee.

ATTENTION in Belgium centered mainly in Karel Sys and Jean Sneyers. Though he failed to regain the European heavyweight title, the amazing Sys, nearing the 40-year mark continued to rank as one of the best big 'uns in Continental competition. Karel's only defeat during the year was on a close decision to Heinz Neuhaus in their title meeting, but against this one reverse were four victories and one draw with strong opposition.

In relieving Ray Famechon of the European featherweight laurels, Sneyers completed a remarkable "triple." It was the third European title acquired by the colorful little Belgian in a comparatively brief but highly successful career—and he hadn't been beaten for any of them. Previously, Sneyers had annexed the flyweight crown, then the bantamweight, but had given them up because of increasing avoirdupois.

Another outstanding Belgian was bantamweight Pierre Cossemyns, who continued his unbeaten career in 1953, and established himself as one of the Continent's top 118-pounders.

Brussels was the chief battle pit for Belgian ring activities during the year, with occasional shows in Charleroi and Antwerp. Promoters reported "satisfactory" returns.

Boxing in Denmark continued to feature Jorgen Johansson, the European lightweight champion, but his record for the twelve months was something less than sensational. Jorgen succeeded in retaining his laurels by outpointing Jacques Prigent of France and drawing with Werner Handke of Germany, but his record was poor in non-title ventures. Handke whipped him twice, and he also was beaten by Louis Carrara of France.

Next to Johansson, the leading Danish ringmen were middleweight Martin Hansen and welterweight Chris Christensen. Both did well for themselves.

Operating with monthly shows in Copenhagen, Denmark was the only Scandinavian nation active in 1953. There was no professional boxing in Norway, and very little of consequence in Sweden and Finland.

RANKING behind France as the busiest country in Europe was Italy, with a dozen or more clubs functioning on a fairly regular basis. Italians had few standout fighters, and didn't figure too prominently in major international developments, but a crowd of promising youngsters did much to help enliven the general scene. The best of the newcomers were light-heavyweight Aldo Pellegrini; middleweights Bruno Tripodi and Franco Festucci; welterweight Umberto Vernaglione, lightweights Bruno Visintin, Gaetano DeLucia and Mario Ciccarelli, and featherweight Sergio Milan.

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TV & Boxing

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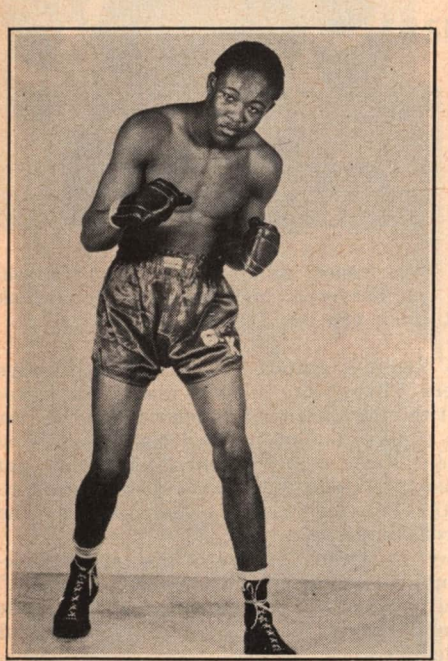


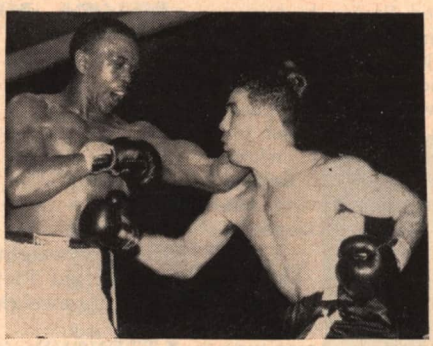
Kid Gavilan, world welterweight champion, was seen seven times on TV, three of them being in title bouts, against Chuck Davey, Carmen Basilio and Johnny Bratton.

TELEVISION continued its domination of the boxing picture, being the most prominent aspect of the game in the minds of the fans, fighters, managers and promoters.

To the fan, it meant how many and what fights was he going to see—and with four network shows running a week—he saw plenty—good, bad but mostly indifferent fights. To the fighter, it meant the quick road to success, or a just as fast a skidding if a bad performance was videod. The managers, through their Guilds, looked on TV as their most important source of revenue, fully realizing that, until recently, gross receipts had been steadily declining. Promoters—the middle men in this deal —have been relegated to producing a show for a sponsor and trying to make a profit on it.

The two most important TV-boxing items of the year were the Managers Guild's demands for increased money, which though not completely successful nevertheless paved the way for further increases, and the start of a fourth network TV boxing show, Saturday Night Fights.

The Guild's original demands were for $5,000 per main event fighter appearing on a network television show



Tuzo Portuguez (right), Costa Rican middleweight, made most TV main event appearances during 1953. Here he is in one of them against Charlie Williams whom he defeated at the Eastern Parkway Arena.

and the limiting of network shows to four a week.

They finally settled for an increase to $4,000, which was $400 more than Madison Square Garden TV fighters were getting. When one considers that several years back fighters were getting the sum of $214, this is indeed a huge jump.

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Saturday Night Fights, which was inaugurated on January 24 and is seen weekly over the ABC-TV Network, has come along strongly after an anemic begining. Run by Ray Arcel and Dewey Fragetta, under the name Famous Sports Enterprises, the show emanates from various cities throughout the country, working with independent local promoters. Some of the promoters who have joined forces with them are Sam Silverman in Boston; Norman Rothchild in Syracuse; Sid Goldberg in Toledo, Jimmy Toppi in Philadelphia, Willie Gilzenberg in Newark, and Ted Bayly in Albany. Latest to go into a working agreement with the Arcel forces are three promoters, who will operate together on shows in New Orleans, Allen LaCombe, Heard Ragas and Lou Messina. Their first show was on January 2, the first time a fight had been televised out of New Orleans on a network. According to reports, the fighters are paid $2,600 each for an appearance.

Bucking against tough television competition on Saturday nights, the show has surprised everyone except its enthusiastic originators and now commands a huge viewing audience.

DURING 1953 there were over 200 network TV professional boxing shows, the highest total ever recorded. In addition to the "Big Four," for a time during the year Julius Piazza's Detroit fights from the Motor City Arena were on a rather large network over ABC-TV, reaching as far east as New York. While it has been curtailed, they still do operate in a wide area in the Mid-West.

While gross receipts from boxing shows in the United States remained on a steady keel compared with 1952, there was an icrease in the television money taken in by boxing promoters.

In 9150, TV and radio rights to boxing accounted for 25 per cent of the actual receipts. The figure jumped to 40 percent in 1951 and for the first time in 1952 boxing drew more money for television than from the paid attendances, $4,800,000 to $4,600,000.

For the year just closed, our reports show that the boxers, managers and promoters shared in $5,200,000 taken in from telecasts and radio broadcasts of fights while the approximate figures for gross receipts remained at about the same as 1952, or were slightly higher.

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An all-time high for television revenue from a fight was set on May 15 when Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott met at Chicago Stadium for the world heavyweight title. The sponsor paid $300,000 and with Walcott being knocked out in 2 minutes 25 seconds of the first round they dished out $2,070 per second for actual fight time.

Here are some of the major fights of 1953 which were on home television (though a number were blacked out in the immediate vicinity of the bout) with figures showing how the actual gross compared with the TV and/or radio take:

	Attendance	Gross Receipts	TV-Radio Take
Marciano-Walcott	16,034	$331,795	$300,000
*Gavilan-Davey	17,450	275,415	
Gavilan-Bratton	19,260	176,390	40,000
Olson-Turpin	18,969	167,530	60,000
Carter-Collins	12,477	152,655	50,000
Moore-Maxim	12,000	80,000	50,000
Gavilan-Basilio	7,103	74,317	30,000
Shirai-Allen	30,000	50,000	15,000
Basilio-Graham	9,244	46,100	25,000
Olson-Young	7,418	36,520	50,000
Carter-Araujo	7,132	36,511	50,000
Charles-Layne	7,107	34,183	25,000

*The television sponsor guaranteed Kid Gavilan $80,000 and Chuck Davey $40,000 on the gross receipts. As the receipts covered these guarantees the sponsor had the show telecast without paying for it.

There was only one Theatre-TV

showing during 1953, a drop from the two shows held in 1952, however it was a huge success. In 1951 they telecast six major boxing events in this manner.

The actual gross receipts for the Theatre-telecast of the Rocky Marciano-Roland LaStarza world heavyweight title bout, held at the Polo Grounds, September 24, 1953 were $435,820 with the attendance 44,562. It was screened into forty-five theatres in thirty-four cities and there did a gross business of approximately $400,000. The boxing promoters, guaranteed $100,000 for the rights, received more than $125,000.

Another important first was added to TV-boxing history with the Yoshio Shirai-Terry Allen world flyweight championship contest, held in Tokyo on October 27. The bout was televised, the second foreign country a title bout had been videod in. In 1952, the Kid Gavilan-Billy Graham welterweight title fight was televised in Cuba.

TUZO PORTUGUEZ, the Costa Rican middleweight, made most main event television appearances during 1953. He was seen nine times, against Johnny Bratton, Garth Panter, Mickey Laurent, Randy Sandy, Charley Williams, Joe Giardello, Joey Giambra, Jesse Turner and Giardello again.

Kid Gavilan and Danny Womber both made eight TV main event appearances. Gavilan's were against Vic Cardell, Chuck Davey, Womber, Italo Scortichini, Ramon Fuentes, Tiger Jones, Carmen Basilio and Johnny Bratton, three of them being welterweight title bouts.

Womber was seen in action against Joey Giambra, Tiger Jones, Giambra again, Gavilan, Jones again, Carmine Fiore and in two shots against Wilbur Wilson.

Pierre Langlois and Tiger Jones were each viewed seven times. In 1952

Yoshio Shirai of Japan, world flyweight champion, defended his crown against Terry Allen in Tokyo. The bout was televised, the second foreign country to video a world championship event.

Johnny Bratton was seen most—eight times—with Rocky Castellani and Johnny Saxton the runner-ups with seven appearances.

The largest television network ever assembled for any program or event—92 stations of the DuMont Network—televised the Inter-City Golden Glove bouts from Chicago on March 26. Several other notable amateur finals were videod in 1953.

Several states attempted to pass legislation to tax boxing bouts televised or radio broadcast from ringside, the latest being Massachusetts. A number of states do collect such a tax.

Along with the general increase in telecasts of bouts, and the closing of some clubs, one heartening note was the fact that attendance was on the upgrade in some clubs, and a number of centers which lay dormant for a long while began to operate again.

The prospects for 1954 are encouraging in the light of that. The fan seems to be gradually turning away from his TV screen and re-entering the arenas. That is a necessity if the sport is to survive and prosper.

What may further motivate the trend in this direction is the fact that many of the shows on the network programs are now blacking out their immediate area, thus protecting the home gate.

We look, however, for a further increase in telecasts of bouts—both amateur and professional—in 1954 and at the same time the upward swing in attendance and actual receipts.

Theatre-TV and subscription-tv also look like they will have a large say in the telecasts of sporting events—especially boxing—during this year.

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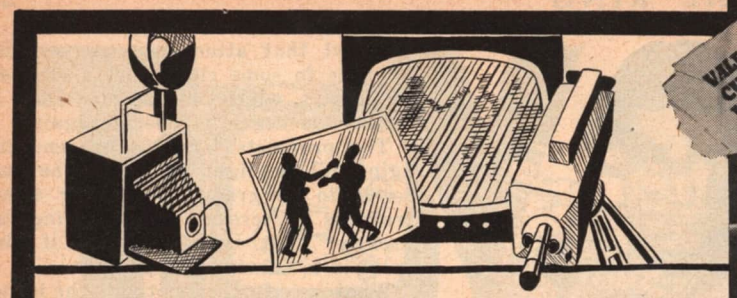
tality by throwing a punch at Walcott. . . . Jersey Joe chopped the Kid with a short right to the chin and turned to meet the charging Gypsy Joe, who never got close before he was tagged for the count with a left to the whiskers. If it proved nothing else, it did show that Jersey Joe still has a punch.

Primo Carnera, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, and a top figure in the mat world, returned to Italy last summer for the filming of a picture depicting his life. Alas, the cinema to be called "The Giant" has been abandoned due to financial difficulties. Poor Da Preem, as we remember when he was the heavy champ of fisticuffs, was always coming out on the short end of things. . . . He will shortly return to the U. S. to again wrestle and play bit parts in the movies.

WEEKLY U. S. TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
MONDAY			
EASTERN PARKWAY ARENA	BROOKLYN, N. Y.	DUMONT NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
SOUTH GATE ARENA	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KHJ-TV	MARK SCOTT
TUESDAY			
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KTLA	REID KILPATRICK and DICK GARTON
WEDNESDAY			
THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	CBS-TV NETWORK	RUSS HODGES and JACK DREES
THURSDAY			
MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT, MICH.	WXYZ-TV	FRED WOLF
MEADOWBROOK BOWL OR LAUREL GARDEN	NEWARK, N. J.	WATV	FRED SAYLES
FRIDAY			
BOXING FROM MADISON SQUARE GARDEN OR ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK, N. Y.	*NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
SATURDAY			
THE SATURDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK GREGSON
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.	KECA-TV	HANK WEAVER

*Also heard over the ABC radio network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliott, announcers.



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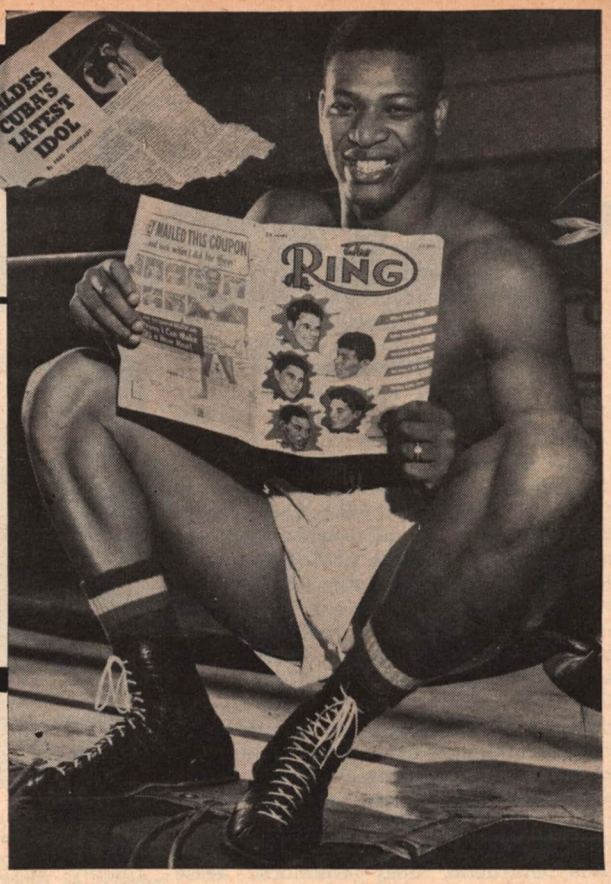
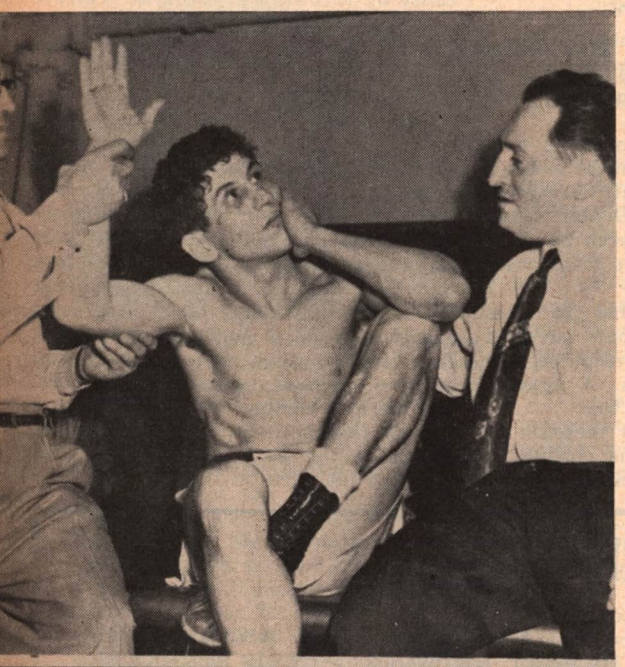
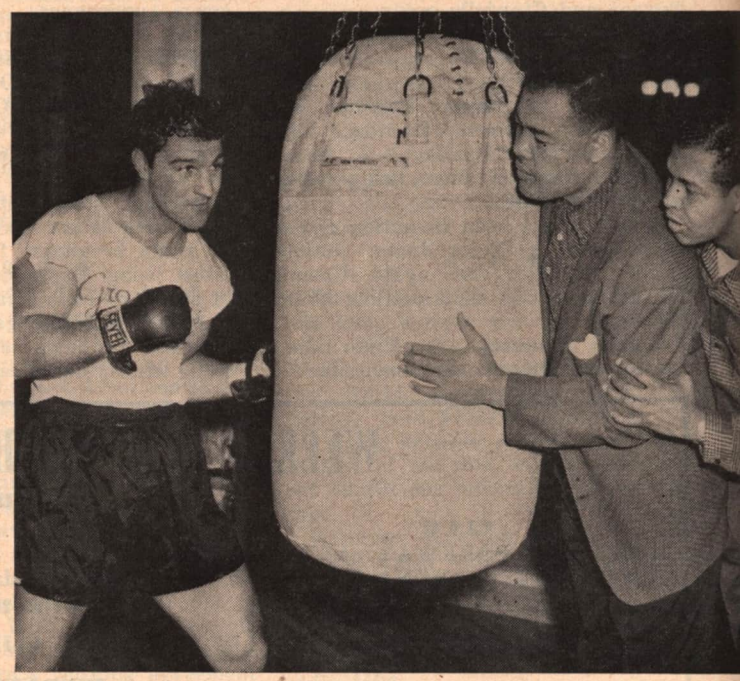
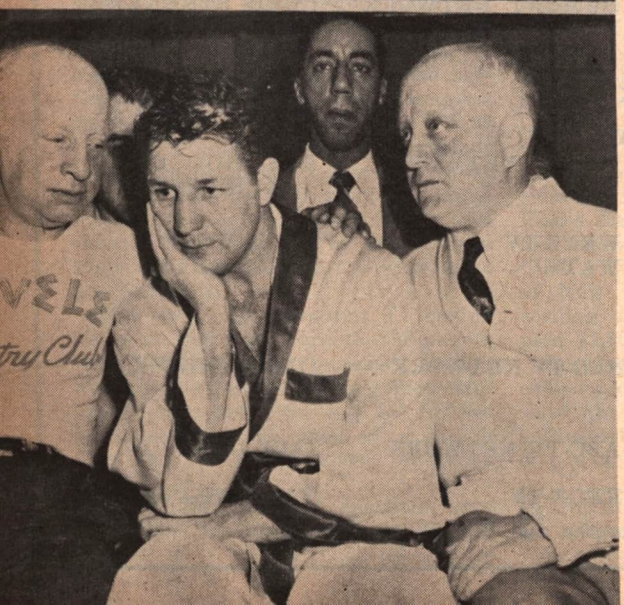


Nino Valdes, Cuban heavyweight champion, came from nowhere during 1953, upsetting Ezzard Charles and halting Heinz Neuhaus to rank as the No. 1 contender.

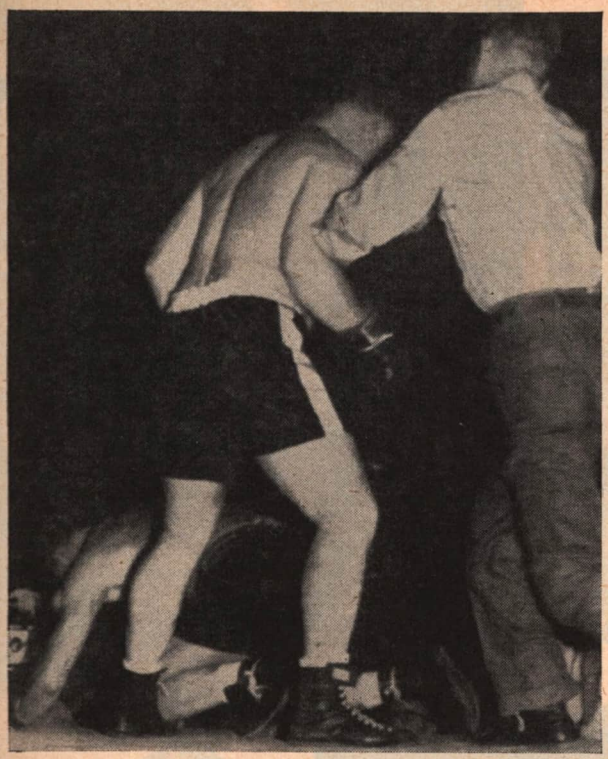


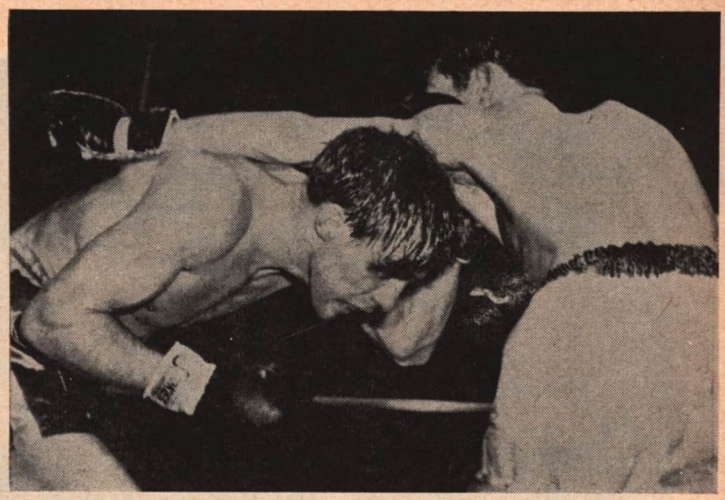


Rocky Marciano (left), world heavyweight champion, seems to have bagged a big one at Grossinger's, as Joe Louis (center) and Coley Wallace arrive on the scene to do the film "The Joe Louis Story." Wallace portrayed the Brown Bomber in the feature.



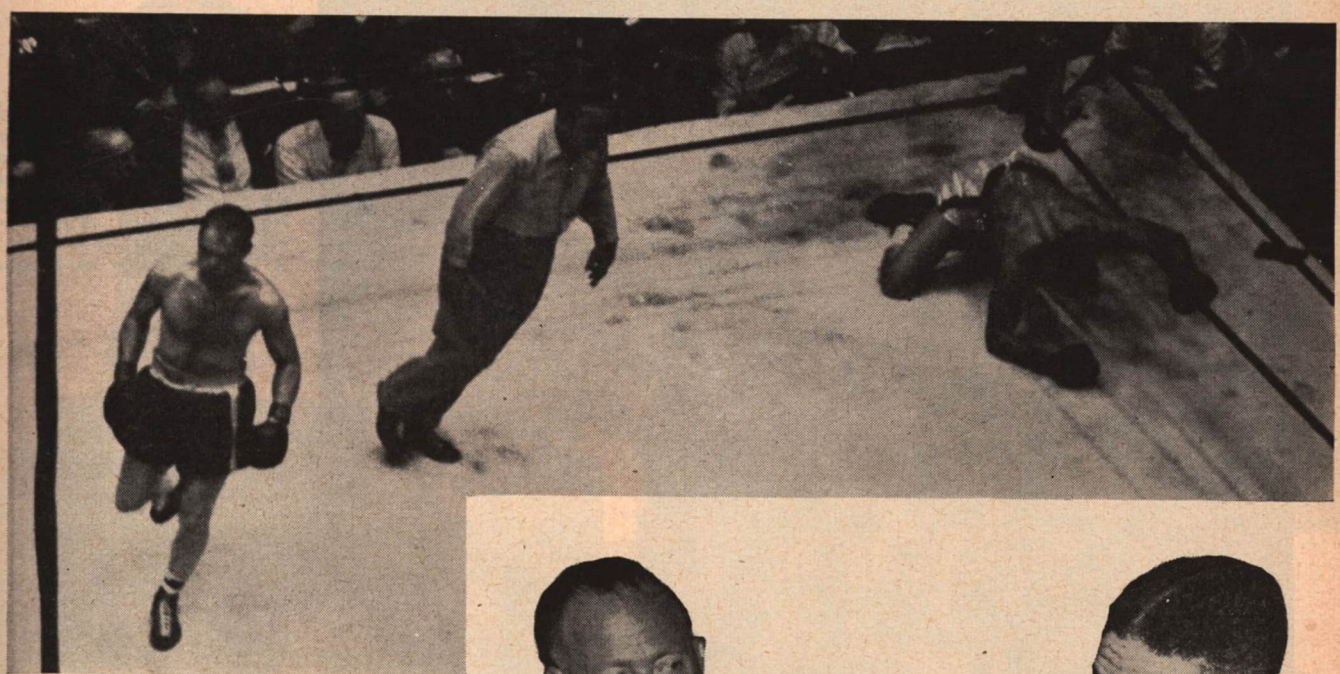
The Big Switch! (Upper left) Joe Giardello (center), after being announced the winner of his bout with Billy Graham in Madison Square Garden finds out it wasn't for keeps as Chairman Robert Christenberry reversed one of the judge's decision. (Lower left) Graham, though the reversal gave him the decision, tries to figure out with his handlers how he didn't get it in the first place. But this was only the beginning as the courts reversed the reversed decision, giving it to Giardello who then fought Graham who turned the tables on him—and won the decision!



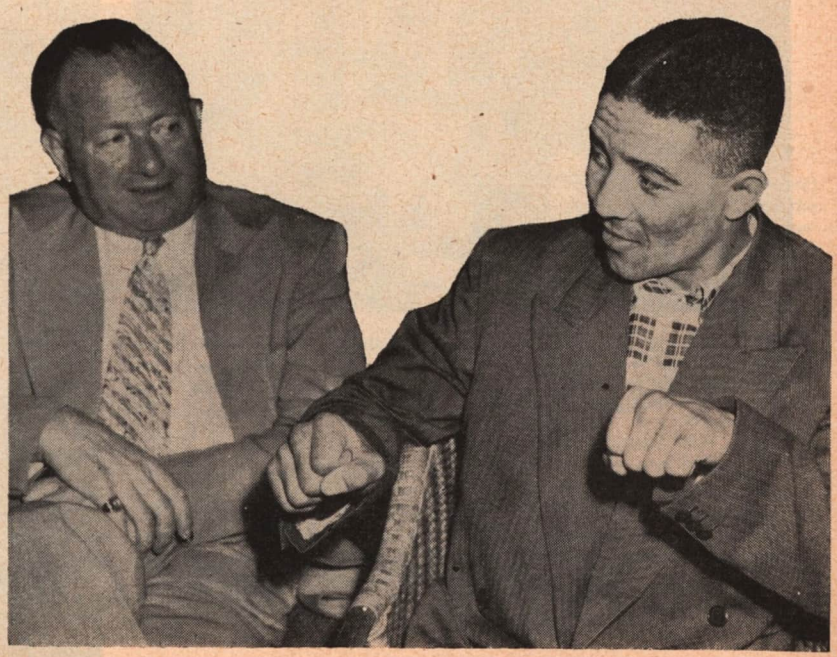


(Above) Jimmy Carruthers (left), world bantamweight champion, defends his crown against Henry Gault of America in Sydney in the first title bout held there in forty-five years. Carruthers won the decision.

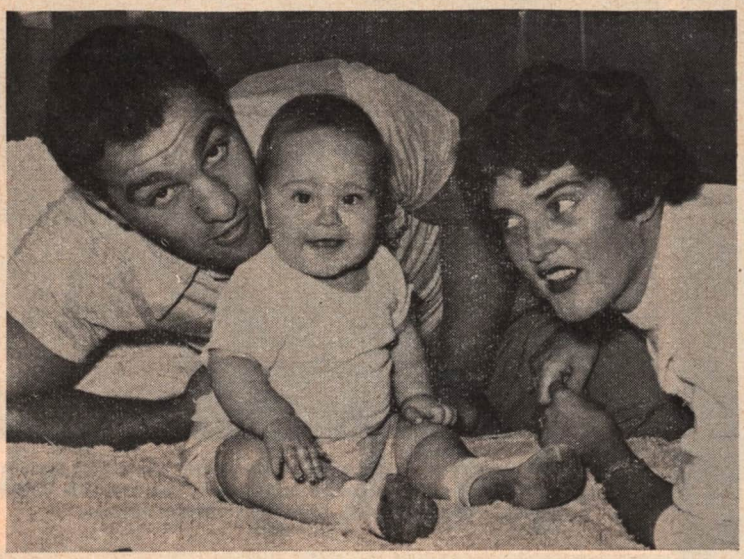
(Left) Don Cockell, British and British Empire heavyweight champion, stands over Harry Matthews after scoring a knockdown in their Seattle bout. Cockell won and jumped in the heavyweight ratings.



(Above) A bird's eye view of the ring at Madison Square Garden shows Bobo Olson (left) walking to a neutral corner in the tenth round after dropping Randy Turpin. Olson won the fifteen round decision and the world middleweight title.

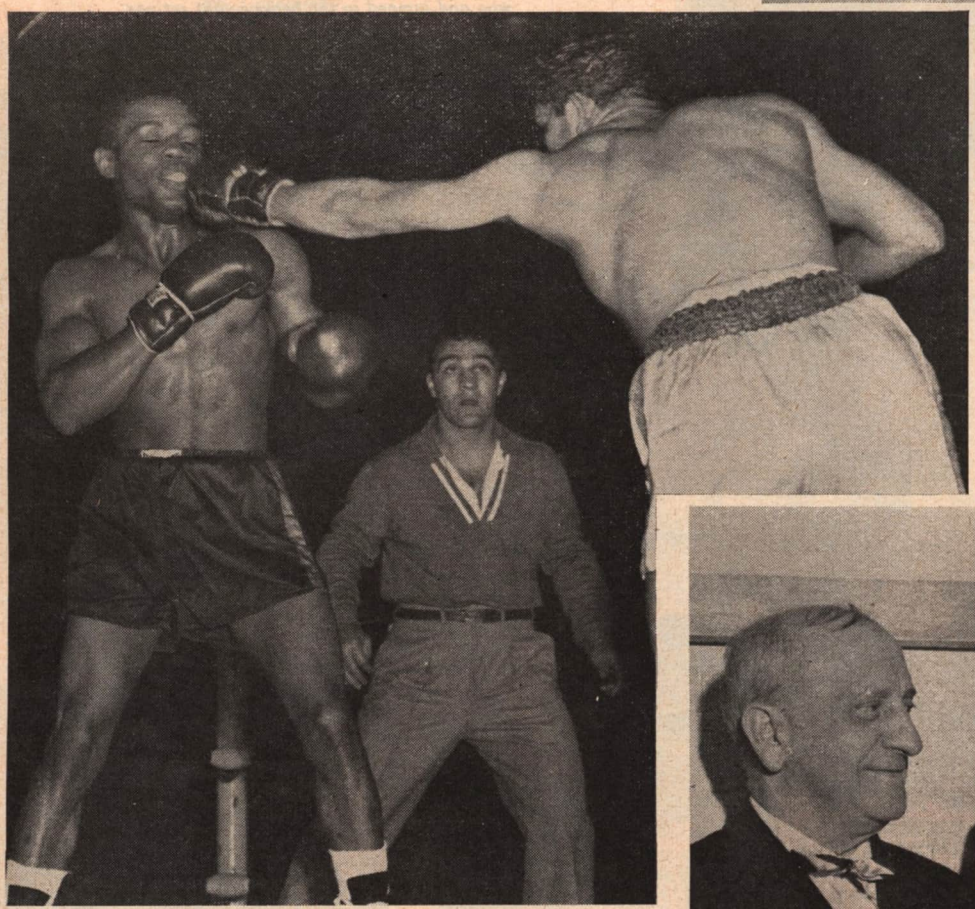


(Right) Before the fight! Randy Turpin (right) former middleweight champion, demonstrates to British promoter Jack Solomons how he intended to defeat Olson.



Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion, seconds the big smile of baby daughter, Mary Ann, 11 months old, as wife Barbara looks on.

A welcoming committee, headed by Ishmael Pace, (center) Director of Luna Park, and Manuel Sojit (right), sports announcer for Argentine radio and television, greets Nat Fleischer (left) at the airport on his arrival at Buenos Aires for his good will tour of Argentina.



(Above) Champ on Tour! Rocky Marciano (center) who has been on an exhibition and refereeing tour, stopped off in San Francisco to act as the third man in the bout between Maurice Harper (left) and Nick Moran. Harper won a ten round decision.

(Right) Jimmy Carter gets belted again by Nat Fleischer (left) for regaining the world lightweight title. It was the second championship belt awarded to Carter and the 162nd in the long history of The Ring Magazine awards.

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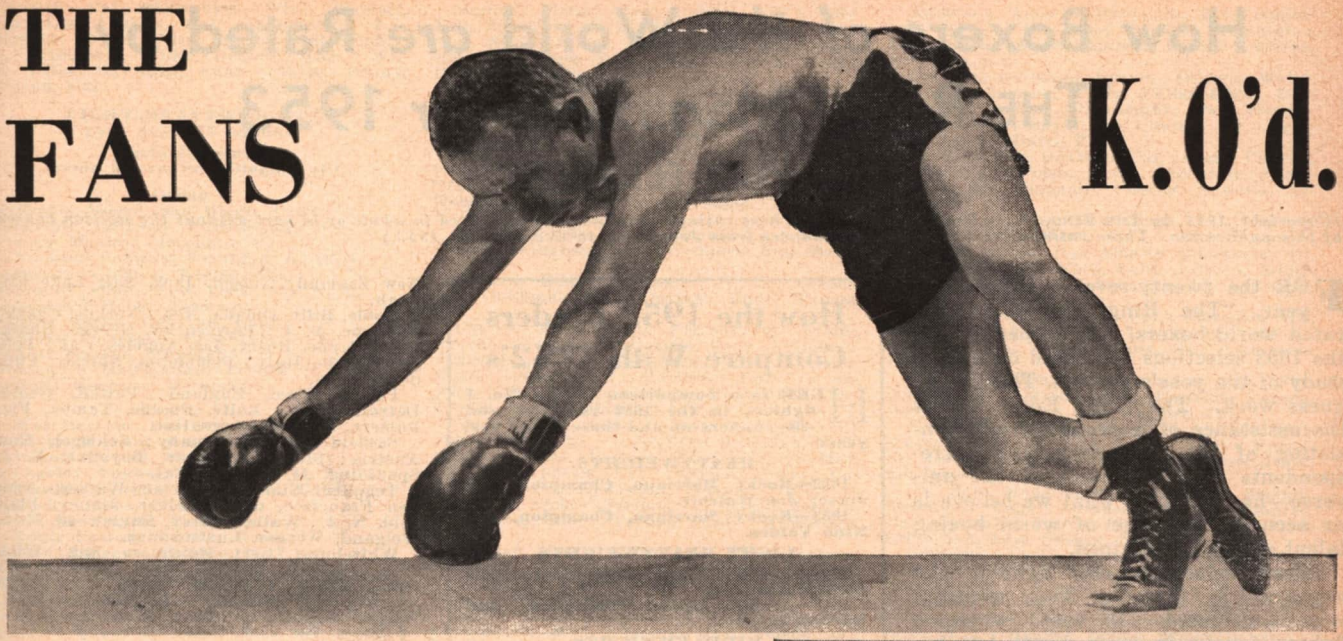

(Above) Ray Robinson, former welterweight and middleweight champion, made a big hit as a night club performer after retiring from the ring.

Chuck Davey, the television idol who had a tremendous following due to his many successful video appearances, was a sad disappointment as he was stopped by Kid Gavilan in a welterweight title bout.

(Right) A Thirty-Five Million Dollar gate. Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champ, embraces bride-to-be, Mrs. Harmon Spencer Auguste, after announcing their engagement. Shortly after, the engagement was broken off.

Tommy Rawson (left) looks over photos of the Jimmy Carter-Tommy Collins lightweight title go after being criticized for letting Collins continue until he had been dropped ten times in two rounds. Members of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission looking on are Henry Lamar (center) Otis M. Whitney, and Tommy McFarland (standing).

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Rated *by* "THE RING" Magazine *for* 1953

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FOR the twenty-seventh consecutive year, "The Ring Magazine" has rated world boxers. As in past years, the 1953 selections are based on a close study of the year's records. There is no guess work. The "Ring Editor," with the assistance of a capable staff—consisting of his co-workers and correspondents from all parts of the universe—has compiled what we believe is as accurate a gauge of world boxing talent as can be obtained.

In our selections, only fighters who appeared in three or more contests were considered. In cases where a fighter fought in more bouts but became inactive after May 1, he was not listed in any classification.

In our grading of the fighters, if a boxer so far outclassed the rest of his field that he stood out most prominently, then he was placed in a division by himself. This was the case with Rocky Marciano, Kid Gavilan, and James Carter, champions who rank far above any of the contenders. Where a fighter fought in more than one class, he was placed in that division where he best fitted.

Numerical ratings have been given to those fighters who displayed sufficient ability to put them in a classification above the average. All others have been listed Class A, B or C.

In such classifications, they are listed alphabetically. In all numerical ratings, they are ranked in order of their standing as contenders.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.

Group I

1—Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.

Group II

1—Nino Valdes, Cuba
2—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
3—Roland LaStarza, New York City, N. Y.
4—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Earl Walls, Edmonton, Canada
6—Don Cockell, England
7—Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
8—Tommy Harrison, Oakland, Calif.
9—Coley Wallace, New York City, N. Y.
10—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
11—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.

Group III

1—Karel Sys, Belgium
2—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O.
3—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh
4—Bill Gilliam, Orange, N. J.
5—Willie James, Boston, Mass.
6—Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
7—Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, Cal.
8—Embrell Davidson, Detroit, Mich.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Agramonte, Omelio, Cuba; Ansaloni, Reinaldo, Argentine; Ansell, Adams, Trinidad; Arthur, Johnny, South Africa; Bacillieri, Uber, Italy; Bean, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Beshore, Freddy, Los Angeles, Cal.

How the 1953 Leaders Compare With 1952's

HERE is a comparison of the No. 1 fighters in the 1952 rankings and the runners-up and those of the past year:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

1952—Rocky Marciano, Champion, and Jersey Joe Walcott.
1953—Rocky Marciano, Champion, and Nino Valdes.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

1952—Archie Moore, Champion, and Joey Maxim.
1953—Archie Moore, Champion, and Harold Johnson.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

1952—Ray Robinson, Champion, and Randy Turpin.
1953—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Champion, and Randy Turpin.

WELTERWEIGHTS

1952—Kid Gavilan, Champion, and Bobby Dykes.
1953—Kid Gavilan, Champion, and Carmen Basilio.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

1952—Jimmy Carter, Champion, and Johnny Gonsalves.
1953—Jimmy Carter, Champion, and Wallace (Bud) Smith.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

1952—Sandy Saddler, Champion, and Ray Famechon.
1953—Sandy Saddler, Champion, and Teddy (Red Top) Davis.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

1952—Jimmy Carruthers, Champion, and Vic Toweel.
1953—Jimmy Carruthers, Champion, and Robert Cohen.

FLYWEIGHTS

1952—Yoshio Shirai, Champion, and Jake Tuli.
1953—Yoshio Shirai, Champion, and Jake Tuli.

Brion, Cesar, Argentine; Dunlap, Bob, Salt Lake City, Utah; Escoe, Vern, Toronto, Can.; Gardner, Jack, England; Hall, Henry, New Orleans, La.; Jones, Gene, Camden, N. J.; Morrow, Leonard, Oakland, Cal.; Parker, James J., Paterson, N. J.

Ten Hoff, Hein, Germany; Williams, Charley (Doc), Newark, N. J.; Williams, Cleveland, Tampa, Fla.; Wright, Chubby, Reading, Pa.

Class B

Andrews, Reg, England; Augustus, Ray, Topeka, Kansas; Barnett, Lloyd, Trinidad; Bell, Frank, England; Bernard, Al, Belgium.

Brady, Ken, Australia; Buford, Frank, Oakland; Butcher, Grant, San Francisco, Cal.; Bygraves, Joe, England; Cameron, Eddie, Newark, N. J.; Capitanelli, Americo, Argentine.

Carter, Harold, Linden, N. J.; Cavicchi, Francesco, Italy; Chaney, Colin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Chapman, Hosa, Huntington, W. Va.; Crickmar, Joe, England.

Davey, Dave, Cliffside Park, N. J.; De Voogd, Baby, Holland; Dugan, Leonard, Oakland, Cal.

Eugene, Robert, Belgium; Fitzpatrick, Fitzie, Huntington, W. Va.; Flood, Jack, Spokane, Wash.; Friedrich, Hans, Germany.

Hafer, Walter, Cleveland, Ohio; Hall, Dale, Salt Lake City, Utah; Hall, Toxie, Chicago, Ill.; Hobbs, Jack, England; Holman, John, Chicago, Ill.; Hunsaker, Tunney, Lakeland, Texas.

Jackson, Tommy, Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.; Johansson, Ingemar, Sweden; Johnson, Young Jack, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnson, Leo, Charlotte, N. C.; Jones, Sonny, Newark, N. J.

Kahut, Joe, Portland, Oregon; Kohlbrecher, Wilson, Austria; Lave, Kaitione, Friendly Islands; Lindsay, Joe, Brooklyn; McBride, Archie, Trenton, N. J.

Meredith, Cecil, Australia; Mullett, Don, New Zealand; Nelson, Jack, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Noble, Billy, Omaha, Neb.; Norkus, Charley, Bayonne, N. J.; Parmentier, George, Eureka, Cal.; Payne, Rusty, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pellegrini, Aldo, Italy; Pembleton, Shirley, Philadelphia, Pa.

Powell, Fred, England; Powell, George, Detroit, Mich.; Rolfe, Claude, Tampa, Fla.; Romero, Edgardo, Argentine.

Salfield, Hugo, Germany; Schiegel, Kurt, Austria; Simmons, Keene, Bayonne, N. J.; Spaulding, Al, Oakland, Cal.

Templer, Simon, Nigeria; Walker, Andy, San Francisco, Cal.; Walker, Jimmy, Plainfield, N. J.; Walls, Jimmy, Englewood, N. J.; Weigand, Werner, Luxembourg.

Whitehurst, Bert, Baltimore, Md.; Wilde, Piet, Belgium; Wilding, Ray, England; Williams, Allan, Australia; Wills, Harry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wilson, Bill, Charlotte, N. C.; Wilson, Willie, Providence, R. I.

Class C

Albright, Bob, Hollywood, Cal.; Alessandrina, Pete, Calgary, Canada; Alexander, Ted, Chicago, Ill.; Alonzo, Rancho, Houston, Texas; Anderson, James, Chicago, Ill.; Arthur, Tommy, Indianapolis, Ind.

Baker, Marvin, Los Angeles, Cal.; Benson, Lou, Baltimore, Md.; Brown, Alex, Paoli, Pa.; Brown, Bull, Stockton, Cal.; Brown, Dick, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Brown, Gene, Omaha, Neb.; Brown, Jesse, St. Louis, Mo.

Byrne, Jimmy, Boise, Idaho; Burke, Bill, Providence, R. I.; Cappi, John, Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.; Cartwright, James, San Francisco, Cal.

Chapman, Al, Camp Drum, N. Y.; Clemmons, Johnny, Dayton, O.; Coffey, Bill, New York; Colbert, Willie, Oakland, Cal.; Cousins, Johnny, Newark, N. J.

Cowan, Frank, Waterville, N. Y.; Crisostome, Mario, Rome, Italy; Crocker, O'Neal, Houston, Texas; Crockett, Kid, Washington, D. C.; Crump, Charlie, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Daniels, Matt, New York; DeGrazio, Frank, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; DeLeon, Ponce, Spokane, Wash.; DiLenge, Jimmy, New York; Dilly, Wilbur, Milwaukee, Wis.

Edwards, Elijah, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Egan, Mike, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ericson, Gene, Kinuso, Canada; Folley, Zora, Los Angeles, Cal.

Gioseffi, Frank, New York; Golden, Bob, Denver, Colo.; Gorden, Buster, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hammer, Ken, Detroit, Mich.; Harding, Jack, Buffalo, N. Y.; Harris, Emerson, Farmington Falls, Maine; Harris, Ringo, Detroit, Mich.; Head, Al, Cleveland, O.; Hubbard, Ozzie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Jackson, Bobby, Cleveland, O.; Johnson, Ivan, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jones, Clayton, New York; Kalani, Charley, Ogden, Utah; Kuhlmeier, Carl, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Liston, Charley, St. Louis, Mo.; Locke, Gerald, Dayton, Ohio; McClure, Bill, Los Angeles, Cal.; McCoy, Sam, Reading, Pa.; McDermott, Luth, Paterson, N. J.; McLean, Jack, Calgary, Canada.

Mack, Billy, Bayonne, N. J.; Malanga, Joe, New York; Manigault, Jesse, Baltimore, Md.; Marek, Gabby, Harvey, Ill.

Marshall, Marty, Detroit, Mich.; Masonovich, Johnny, Butte, Mont.; Mayo, Billy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mederos, Julio, Cuba; Neely, Hal, Augusta, Ga.

O'Connor, Terry, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Payne, Junior, Oakland, Cal.; Pearce, Lee, Palatka, Fla.; Petersen, Whitey, Omaha, Neb.; Pharo, Oscar, Birmingham, Ala.

Ragus, Dave, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ready, Bob, Lumberton, N. C.; Reid, Noel, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Reynolds, Bernie, Fairfield, Conn.; Reynolds, Bill, Paterson, N. J.; Roberts, Al, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robinson, Walter, Richmond, Cal.; Ross, Chuck, Portland, Ore.

Sadler, Jim, Big Foot, Tex.; Sanchez, Joe, Baltimore, Md.; Schlimm, Al, Baltimore, Md.; Seals, Kirby, Los Angeles, Cal.; Sessom, Russell, Newark, N. J.

Sheppard, Ernie, Orange, N. J.; Siegfried, Norbert, Calgary, Canada; Simpson, Paul, Cleveland, O.; Smith, Don, Louisville, Ky.; Stepka, Joe, St. Paul, Minn.; Syers, Chuck, Wichita, Kan.

Taylor, Freddy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tendo, Jimmy, Boston, Mass.; Thomas, Benny, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas, Ike, Minneapolis, Minn.

Thompson, Clyde, Philadelphia, Pa.; Thrasher, Lou, Boston, Mass.; Tittman, Dave, Boise, Idaho; Tsaldaris, George, Wilmington, Del.; Turner, Howard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Vernon, Cal., Milwaukee, Wis.; Walcott, Baby, Los Angeles, Cal.; Weinbrecht, Joe, Secaucus, N. J.; Wiley, James, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilkerson, Willie, Detroit, Mich.; Wilson, Ollie, Hartford, Conn.; Wise, Benny, Oakland, Cal.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.

Group I

1—Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
4—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B. W. I.
5—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
6—Jimmy Slade, New York City N. Y.
7—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
8—Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.
9—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
10—Alex Buxton, England
11—Jacques Hairbedian, France
12—Willi Hoepner, Germany

Group II

1—Wes Bascom, East St. Louis, Ill.
2—Larry Watson, Omaha, Neb.
3—Dennis Powell, Wales
4—Charley Anglee, Providence, R. I.
5—Frankie Daniels, Bakersfield, Calif.
6—Rocky Jones, Chester, Pa.
7—Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn.
8—Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.
9—Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Class A

Amos, Bob, Detroit, Mich.; Andrews, Sonny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Cassano, Angel, Argentine; Colin, Charles, France.

Durelle, Yvon, Baie, Ste. Ann, New Brunswick, Canada; Harper, Doug, Amber Valley, Canada; Kid, Yova, Cuba; Limage, Marcel, Belgium.

Lowry, Ted, New Bedford, Mass.; Martinez, Dagomar, Argentine; Saxton, Phil, Elizabeth, N. J.; Snoek, Wim, Holland.

Tontoni, Renato, Italy; Wallace, Gordon, Canada; Welch, Jimmy, Columbus, Ohio.

Class B

Alfonsetti, Giovanni, Italy; Allotey, Al, South Africa; Alva, Don, Philadelphia, Pa.; Anders, Brian, England.

Besmanoff, William, Germany; Brandt, Bobby, Philadelphia, Pa.; Breshears, Harley, Parma, Idaho; Brown, Billy, Hartford, Conn.

Chris, Max, Toole, Utah; Daniel, Gentle, Trinidad, B. W. I.; Davis, Jimmy, England.

Favaro, Frank, Akron, O.; Fifield, Billy, Toronto, Can.; Finch, Albert, England; Francis, Easy Boy, Trinidad, B. W. I.; Gannon, Joe, Washington, D. C.; Godwin, Andrew, Brookside, Miss.; Grant, Don, Los Angeles, Cal.; Green, Joe, Ashville, N. C.

Hanna, Wadell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harris, Herman, Ashville, N. C.; Hayes, Herbie, Elmsford, N. Y.; Hudson, Cecil, Milwaukee, Wis.; Hunter, Chuck, Cleveland, O.

James, Richie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Janilli, Fernando, Italy; Jones, Watson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Kaylor, Paul, Sacramento, Cal.; Keel, Earl, Oklahoma City, Okla.; King, Howard, Reno, Nevada.

Lanza, Bill, Sacramento, Cal.; Liversage, Tony, South Africa; Moran, Joe, San Antonio, Tex.; Murphy, Bob, San Diego, Cal.; Muscato, Sammy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mylinski, Stan, Chicago, Ill.

Neves, Julio, Portugal; Perkins, Paul, Salt Lake City, Utah; Quiroz, Vincent, Lima, Peru; Radrodro, Ismeli, Fiji Islands.

Sabotin, Lalu, Warren, O.; Skelton, Ben, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Smith, Polly, Bermuda; Speiser, Chuck, Detroit, Mich. Wagner, Dick, Toppenish, Wash.

Whittle, Ron, Ogden, Utah; Williams, Alvin, Wichita, Kansas; Wright, Arthur, Detroit, Mich.; Winn, Al, New York.

Class C

Aguilar, Joey, Seattle, Wash.; Anderson, Davey, Detroit, Mich.; Anderson, Dean, Rexburg, Idaho.

Biehler, Bob, Rochester, N. Y.; Blackstone, George, Sioux City, Iowa; Boatsman, Bill, Longview, Wash.

Chambers, Calvin, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Chighizola, Red, New Orleans, La.; Collins, Billy, Oakland, Cal.; Condon, Jackie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Davis, Dick, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dooly, Jimmy, Detroit, Mich.

Garafola, Gary, Jersey Cty, N. J.; Garcia, Johnny, Miami, Fla.; Gillen, Mike, New York City, N. Y.

Hale, Douglas, Detrot, Mich.; Halsey, Bull, San Francisco, Cal.; Hamilton, Dave, Syracuse, N. Y.; Harding, John, Los Angeles, Cal. Harvey, I. H., Dallas, Texas; Haskell, Wendell, Salt Lake City, Utah; Hester, Ted, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hicks, Ned, New York, N. Y.; Hollman, Jerry, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ingram, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Isler, Bob, New York, N. Y.; Jackson, Sammy, Syracuse, N. Y.; James, Nate, Chicago, Ill.; Johnson, Tony, New York, N. Y.; Jones, Austin, Philadelphia, Pa.

Kaas, Ken, Missoula, Montana; LaBoard, Roosevelt, New York, N. Y.; Lincoln, Elmo, Newark, N. J.; Lopez, Richie, Los Angeles, Cal.

McMillan, Jim, Newark, N. J.; Malone, Lonnie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mariana, John, New Orleans, La.; Marshall, Eddie, Capitol Heights, Md.; Maxwell, Jimmy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Naylor, Grady, New Orleans, La.; Newby, Tex, Washington, D. C.; Nicholes, Ken, Boise, Idaho.

O'Hara, Eddie, Rochester, N. Y.; Orosco, Joe, Oakland, Cal.; Outlaw, Edde, Tampa, Fla.

Panter, The, Miami, Fla.; Perry, Frank, Dayton, O.; Quartz, Roland, Reno, Nevada.

Reeves, Billy, Cleveland, O.; Reynolds, Monk, Newark, N. J.; Robinson, Don, Los Angeles, Cal.; Robinson, Zeke, Richmond, Cal.; Rowan, Joey, Philadelphia, Pa.

Shea, Danny, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Sherrill, Bob, Chicago, Ill.; Taro, Pete, Brooklyn, N. Y. Tatum, Tom, Jackson, Miss.; Taylor, Harvey, Los Angeles, Cal.; Taylor, Henry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Thompson, Tommy, Toledo, O. Turner, Nick, Columbus, O.; Tuvell, Joe, Indianapolis, Ind.; Vernon, Cal., Milwaukee, Wis.

Wagner, Terry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Watson, Clyde, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wilcox, Sonny, Cleveland, O.; Wiley, Roger, Boston, Mass.; Wise, Bobby, Oakland, Cal.

Yates, Kenny, Concord, N. H.; Young, Bob, Providence, R. I.; Young, Ray, Toledo, O.; Zernitz, Larry, New Haven, Conn.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, Hawaii

Group I

1—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
2—Randy Turpin, England
3—Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
4—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.
7—Paddy Young, New York City, N. Y.
8—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
9—Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.
10 Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.
11—Charlie Humez, France
12—Pierre Langlois, France
13—Bobby Dawson, New York City, N. Y.
14—Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N. Y.
15—Randy Sandy, New York City, N. Y.

Group II

1—Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rica
2—Garth Panter, Salt Lake City, Utah
3—Gustav Scholz, Germany
4—Joe Rindone, Boston, Mass.
5—Eduardo Lausse, Argentine
6—Hans Stretz, Germany
7—Claude Milazzo, France
8—Norman Hayes, Boston, Mass.
9—Ronnie Delaney, Akron, O.
10—Charley Green, Oakland, Calif.
11—Jimmy King, Buffalo, N. Y.
12—Jesse Turner, St. Louis, Mo.
13—Franz Szuzina, Germany

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Class A

Andrews, Al, Superior, Wis.; Anthony, Tony, New York.

Barnes, Ray, Detroit, Mich.; Barthelemy, Serge, Guadeloupe; Benton, George, Philadelphia, Pa.; Blackwood, Joe, Paterson, N. J.; Brown, Johnny, Chicago, Ill.

Cartier, Walter, New York; Coleman, Le-Roy, Lodi, N. J.; Cotton, Charlie, Akron, O.; Curl, Jimmy, San Antonio, Texas.

D'Ottavio, Alessandro, Italy; Day, Baby, New York; DeJohn, Joey, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dockery, Willie, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Edelman, Marvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Green, Harold, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hazell, Gordon, England; Johnson, Georgie, Trenton, N. J.

Laurent, Mickey, France; Milandri, Widmer, Italy; Miller, Doug, South Africa.

Minelli, Livio, Italy; Miro Wilfredo, Cuba; Mitri, Tiberio, Italy.

Mobley, Al, Newark, N. J.; Mommez, Antonio, Argentine; Moore, Terry, Baltimore, Md.; Moran, Nick, Mexico.

Sala, Lee, Donora, Pa.; Salas, Charley, Phoenix, Ariz.; Soldevilla, Antonio, Portugal; Sullivan, Johnny, England.

Tripodi, Bruno, Italy; Vejar, Chico, Stamford, Conn.; Ward, Moses, Detroit, Mich.; Williams, Baby, Havana, Cuba; Yanni, Tito, Argentine; Zalazar, Juan, Brazil.

Class B

Aguirre, Alberto, Argentine; Albanese, Stefano, Italy; Alfonse, Kid, Warren, O.; Alotta, Frank, Allentown, Pa.; Amato, Tony, Hoboken, N. J.

Anderson, Andy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Anderson, Richie, Cleveland, Ohio; Armenteros, Lino, Cuba; Assire, Marcel, France; Azteca, Kid, Mexico.

Ballarin, Germinal, France; Beckett, Wally, England; Benson, Felix, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bernardo, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bourke, Al, Australia; Boyd, Bob, Chicago, Ill.; Braelow, Harry, Miami, Fla.

Cato, Charlie, Oakland, Cal.; Clark, Charlie, Tampa, Fla.; Cobas, Pedro, Argentine; Crawford, Bruce, England; Cuevas, Antonio, Argentine.

DeCerio, Jimmy, Norristown, Pa.; DePaul, Andy, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Diaz, Antonio, Argentine; Diaz, Jose Alberto, Venezuela; DiMartino, Sal, Hartford, Conn.; Dixon, Eddie, Newark, N. J.; Drucker, Harold, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Echols, Wes, Atwater, Cal.; Edwards, Gil, New York; Elby, Jim, Toledo, O.; Elliott, Bobby, Miami, Fla.; Evans, Ben, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ferdinand, Esau, San Francisco, Cal.; Ferguson, Willie, Miami, Fla.; Festucci, Franco, Italy; Finley, Dick, Los Angeles, Cal.

Flood, Jimmy, New York; Flores, Dal, Hollywood, Cal.; Fontana, Ivano, Italy; Franklin, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fuentes, Jesse, Los Angeles, Cal.

Gil, Pete, Houston, Tex.; Giuliani, Sammy, Stamford, Conn.; Goldsby, Chuck, Chester, Pa.; Gonzales, Pedro, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gonzales, Tex, East Orange, N. J.

Goulart, Charlie, Somerville, Mass.; Graham, Otis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Green, Eddie, Atlanta, Ga.; Grimard, Joe, Bath, Me.

Harper, Woody, Oakland, Cal.; Hernandez, Chebo, Juarez, Mex.; Holzman, Georgie, Bayonne, N. J.; Hughes, Bobby, Braceville, O.

Jackson, Grover, San Francsco, Cal.; Jewell, Jimmy, Columbus, Ga.; Johnson, Willie, Lumberton, N. C.; Jones, Bobby, Oakland, Cal.

Keough, Jackie, Cleveland, O.; King, Bobby, Everett, Mass.; King, Lou, Chicago, Ill.

LaBua, Jack, Bronxville, N. Y.; Lawrence, Louis, Vancouver, Canada; LeBlanc, Billy, New Orleans, La.

Lee, Bobby, Baltimore, Md.; Longoria, Tino, Houston, Tex.; Luchesi, Miguel, Argentine.

McAteer, Pat, England; McCoy, Al (Kid), Tampa, Fla.; McLean, Harry, Bathurst, N. S., Canada; McNeil, Mickey, Tampa, Fla.; Mans, Freddy, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Martinez, Jimmy, Glendale, Ariz.; Maseko, Joe, South Africa; Mayfield, Andy, Miami, Fla.; Mell, Gus, Boston, Mass.

Mieszala, Chester, Milwaukee, Wis.; Miller, Freddie, Klamath Falls, Wash.; Morris, Jimmy, Miami, Fla.; Munro, Joe, South Africa.

Noel, Johnny, New York.

O'Neil, Eddie, Mlwaukee, Wis.; Olla, Ted, Milwaukee, Wis

Pacheco, Chico, Miami, Fla.; Peck, Aman, Tampa, Fla.

Pereyra, Dante, Argentine; Perkins, Sylvester, Chicago, Ill.; Poulton, Harry, Charlottetown, N. B., Canada; Powell, Sampson, New York.

Ralph, Kid, Barbados; Richardson, Jerome, New York; Rivers, Neal, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Rodriquez, Miguel, Argentine; Ross, George, West Bay, N. S., Canada; Rubicini, Gus, Toronto, Can.; Rubino, Danny, Hoboken, N. J.

Saenz, Cisco, Phoenix, Ariz.; Sanders, Hurley, Newark, N. J.; Sanders, Jimmy, Warren, O.; Sands, Alf, Australia; Schellin, Cliff, Stockton, Cal.

Schulz, Irwin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Servin, Petey, El Paso, Tex.; Shaw, Joe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Simms, Eddie, Chicago, Ill.; Simon, Gary, Stellarton, N. S., Canada.

Small, Goven, Los Angeles, Cal.; Smith, Ed, Chicago, Ill.; Solomon, Nenos, Chicago, Ill.; Springer, Eddie, Duluth, Minn.; Stanford, Mack, Englewood, N. J.

Taylor, Joe, Birmingham, N. Y.; Tomasello, Joe, Matawan, N. J.; Turner, Earl, Richmond, Cal.

van Daele, Lucien, France; Vaughun, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Warner, Al, Rochester, N. Y.; Washington, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Whynott, Roger, Mahone Bay, N. S., Canada.

Williams, Charley, Newark, N. J.; Wilson, Jackie, Quincy, Mass.; Wolfe, Dick, Portland, Ore.; Woods, Junie, Buffalo, N. Y.; Zacoman, Paulo, Brazil.

Class C

Abellira, Reno, Hawaii; Acosta, Pete, New Orleans, La.; Agoston, Joe, Detroit, Mich.; Akins, Al, Daytona, Fla.; Ambroselli, Frank, New York; Andrews, Eddie, Lowell, Mass.; Andy, Billy, Providence, R. I.

Baker, Jesse, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Barry Sid, Paterson, N. J.; Batie, Earl, Warren, O.; Berry, Lou, Detroit, Mich.; Bohner, Andy, Detroit, Mich.; Bolton, Bob, Providence, R. I.

Boyd, Willie, Chicago, Ill.; Brewer, Joe, Philadelphia, Pa.; Brewster, Ole, Los Angeles, Cal.; Brown, Art, Los Angeles, Cal.; Brown, Billy, Fall River, Mass.; Brown, Jimmy, Hartford, Conn.; Brown, Vince, Providence, R. I.; Brown, Wardell, Houston, Tex.

Bruce, Curtis, Newark, N. J.; Bull, Jimmy, St. Louis, Mo.; Bulla, Sanford, New York; Bullock, Billy, San Francisco, Cal.; Burke, Jimmy, Milwaukee, Wis.; Burnett, Buddy,

Los Angeles, Cal.; Calloway, Howard, Muskegon, Mich.

Calloway, Howard, Muskegon, Mich.; Campbell, Gene, Eureka, Cal.; Cardenas, Danny, San Antonio, Texas; Cashman, Paul, Middletown, Conn.; Charette, Hec, Detroit, Mich.

Cleary, Pat, Toledo, O.; Coffield, Curtis, Hollywood, Cal.; Coleman, Chuck, Detroit, Mich.; Coleman, Spencer, Los Angeles, Cal.; Collins, Billy, Spring Valley, N. Y.; Colson, Jerry, Denver, Colo.

Comstock, Russ, Bremerton, Wash.; Condit, Vic, Akron, O.; Contreras, Jose, Fall River, Mass.; Cook, Drew, Belfast, Me.; Copeland, Bobby, New York; Corkins, Rocky, Hollywood, Cal.; Cotero, Armando, Mexico.

D'Attilo, Tom, New Rochelle, N. Y.; DeLeon, Jimmy, Houston, Tex.; Demerey, Jimmy, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; DeVille, Huey, Monroe, La.; Dickson, Ernie, Oakland, Cal.; Dittrich, Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dorsey, Joe, New Orleans, La.; Drake, Ray, Rockaway, N. Y.; Drummer, Ernie, Syracuse, N. Y.; DuFour, Rocky, Arvida, Canada; Duke, Johnny, Los Angeles, Cal.

Eaton, Bill, Hartford, Conn.; Evans, Bob, Detroit, Mich.

Feldman, Marty, Philadelphia, Pa.; Finnerty, Bob, Cleveland, O.; Fugate, Gene, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fuller, Frank, San Antonio, Texas.

Gagnon, Bert, Lewiston, Me.; Gillam, Russ, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gillo, Mike, New Haven, Conn.; Godfrey, Bill, Greenville, S. C.; Gomez, Cirilo, Cuba.

Gordon, Bill, Akron, O.; Gordon, Billy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Gorie, Ted, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Gornick, Paul, Allentown, Pa.; Gray, Willie, Boston, Mass.; Grey, Jesse, Hollywood, Cal.; Greco, Joey, Jersey City, N. J.; Grover, Jim, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hall, Gene, Houston, Tex.; Hanson, Kenny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hardin, Sanders, New York; Harris, Tobe, Cut and Shoot, Texas; Harvey, Larue, Detroit, Mich.; Hawkins, Fred, Los Angeles, Cal.

Hayden, John, Los Angeles, Cal.; Haynes, Frank, Santa Cruz, Cal.; Headon, Jackie, Edmonton, Canada; Heath, Al, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hicks, Smitty, Portland, Me.

Hill, Gene, Houston, Tex.; Hirt, Roy, Ogden, Utah; Hope, Sonny, Tampa, Fla.; Horton, Al, Louisville, Ky.

Howard, Charley, New York; Howard, Johnny, Bayonne, N. J.; Howard, Snooks, Charlotte, N. C.; Hudson, Rocky, Aiken, S. C.; Huff, Billy, Spokane, Wash.

Jackson, Carl, Hartford, Conn.; Jenkins, Harold, San Francisco, Cal.; Johnson, Kirk, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jones, Eddie, Stockton, Cal.; Jones, Stan, Houston, Tex.; Jones, Tim, Plainfield, N. J.

Kennedy, Tim, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ketchell, Stan, Bangor, Me.; King, Ricardo, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lambert, Don, New Haven, Conn.; Lammers, Harvey, New Bedford, Mass.; Lassiter, Joe, Aiken, S. C.; Lawrence, Bobby, Durham, N. C.; Leedle, Tommy, Detroit, Mich.; Leon, Kid, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Leudanski, Joe, Chicago, Ill.; Loffa, Birdie, Elizabeth, N. J.; Lopez, Bobby, Boston, Mass.; Lorie, Joe, Miami, Fla.; Lott, Freddy, Newark, N. J.

McAteer, Don, Paterson, N. J.; McBroom, Ed, Trenton, N. J.; McCarthy, Jack, Brooklyn, N. Y.; McCleadon, John, Grand Rapids, Mich.; McLane, Bob, Los Angeles, Cal.; McNeece, Billy, Central Islip, N. Y.

Machado, Pedro, Venezuela; Mack, Johnny, Tampa, Fla.; Manni, Vic, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Martin, John, Los Angeles, Cal.

Martinez, Carlos, Sacramento, Cal.; Martinez, Joe, Juarez, Mexico; Martinez, Robert, San Antonio, Tex.; Mayes, Rainey, Hollywood, Cal.; Mazac, Vince, Houston, Tex.

Mitchell, Johnny, Chicago, Ill.; Monroe, Archie, Newark, N. J.; Moore, Bobby, Newark, N. J.; Moore, Joe, Hempstead, N. Y.; Muriel, Roger, Elizabeth, N. J.

Nocero, Tony, Warren, O.; Nocero, Rinzi, Covington, Ky.; Norris, Emmett, Steelton, Pa.

O'Dowd, Eddie, Toledo, O.; Papp, Willie, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Parks, Don, Alvin, Tex.; Perrault, Jimmy, Duluth, Minn.

Petrole, Rocky, Worcester, Mass.; Polo, Marco, Hollywood, Cal.; Porter, Satchel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pro, Loren, Los Angeles, Cal.; Provizzi, Bob, Corona, L. I., N. Y.

Pruitt, Johnny, Spartanburg, S. C.; Pryor, Joe, Kenosha, Wis.; Rankin, Tiger, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ray, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Reed, Bob, Detroit, Mich.; Reed, Jiggs, Alameda, Cal.

Richards, Jackie, Detroit, Mich.; Renaldo, Rene, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rizzo, Phil, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Roberts, Charley, St. Louis, Mo.; Robinson, Bob, Tampa, Fla.; Robinson, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Robles, Jesse, Juarez, Mexico; Romero, Rudy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ross, Bob, Detroit, Mich.; Ross, Frankie, Boston, Mass.; Russell, Syd, Spokane, Wash.; Russo, Sonny, New York.

Sanders, Leonard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sanderson, Dale, Eureka, Cal.; Sarro, Mike, Worcester, Mass.; Saunders, Sammy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Serafini, Joe, Newark, N. J.; Shelby, Barney, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Shortell, Tommy, Jersey City, N. J.; Smith, Jim, Denver, Colo.; Smith, Tom, Boston, Mass.; Soligny, Howard, New York; Stevenson, Vern, Ottawa, Que., Canada; Stewart, Emanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Stone, Sammy, Miami, Fla.; Stuart, Sammy, Detroit, Mich.; Southerland, Rocky, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tate, Cassel, Syracuse, N. Y.; Taylor, Jack, Hollywood, Cal.

Tessier, Andre, Springfield, Mass.; Tessier, Gerry, Springfield, Mass.; Thayer, Art, Brockton, Mass.; Tomassi, Steve, Philadelphia, Pa.; Trero, Bill, Houston, Texas; Turner, Al, Boston, Mass.

Urgitano, Angelo, New York; Vess, Dick, Dayton, O.; Vetters, Don, Los Angeles, Cal.; Villareal, Tommy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Wade, Curtis, Baltimore, Md.; Ward, Johnny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Washington, Gene, Elizabeth, N. J.; Watkins, Rudy, Baltimore, Md.; Webb, Spider, Los Angeles, Cal.; White, Johnny, Detroit, Mich.

Whye, Billy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilkerson, Earl, Chicago, Ill.; Williams, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.; Williams, Jim, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Williams, Sammy, Omaha, Neb.; Williams, Willie, Detroit, Mich.

Wilson, Bobby, Toledo, O.; Wilson, Joel, Portland, Ore.; Yarkos, Aaron, Los Angeles, Cal.; Zimbardo, Dom, Union, N. J.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba

Group I

1—Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba

Group II

1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
3—Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Billy Graham, New York City, N. Y.
6—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
7—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
8—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Gilbert Lavoine, France
10—Jesus (Chico) Varona, Cuba

Group III

1—George Barnes, Australia
2—Lester Felton, Detroit, Mich.
3—Carmine Fiore, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Danny Womber, Chicago, Ill.
5—Phil Kim, Honolulu, T. H.
6—Hector Constance, Trinidad, B. W. I.
7—Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Acefe, Oscar, Argentine; Adamson, Bunty, Ireland; Beltz, Elmer, Los Angeles, Cal.; Black, Jed, Lansing, Mich.; Brisbois, Rocky, Montreal, Can.

Cardell, Vic, Hartford, Conn.; Conscripto, El, Mexico.

DaSylva, Raphael, Portugal; Davey, Chuck, Lansing, Mich.; DeWulf, Alois, Belgium; Dreyer, Gerald, South Africa.

Fallon, Peter, England; Flores, Oscar, Argentine; Fortin, Claude, Montreal, Can.

Giovanelli, Danny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gronik, Allie, Detroit, Mich.

Harper, Maurice, Oakland, Cal.; Lottery, Attuquaya, Gold Coast.

McKenzie, Leslie, South Africa; Martinez, Vince, Paterson, N. J.; Miceli, Joe, New York City, N. Y.; Moody, Alan, Chicago, Ill.; Pitta, Oscar, Argentine.

Rawlings, Luther, Chicago, Ill.; Schiaivalli, Oscar, Argentine; Steen, Irvin, San Diego, Cal.

Thom, Wally, England; Thomas, Eddie, England; Thomas, Eddie, South Africa; Tiscareno, Ramon, Mexico; Trigo, Mario, Los Angeles, Cal.

Valentini, Luigi, Italy; Williams, Ike, Trenton, N. J.; Wilson, Al, Englewood, N. J.

Class B

Acosta, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Adams, Pete, Newark, N. J.; Alderson, Don, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Allegro, Tony, New York; Alston, Roy, Trenton, N. J.

Anderson, Jay, Philadelphia, Pa.; Andrews, Dave, Lowell, Mass.; Andrews, Roy, Lowell, Mass.; Armenteros, Tony, Cuba; Arnone, Tony, New Orleans, La.; Baker, Larry, New York.

Barao, Emil, Hollywood; Barragan, Gabriel, Mexico; Belanger, Frankie, Quebec, Canada; Benedetto, Valere, Italy; Boyle, Israel, South Africa; Brant, Eddie, Dayton, O.

Braun, Don, Baltimore, Md.; Brown, Barry, New Zealand; Burns, Tommy, Australia; Burton, Phil, St. Louis, Mo.; Busso, Johnny, New York; Butcher, Emerson, Rock Island, Ill.

Cannady, Dick, Newark, N. J.; Carlini, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carrillo, Chale, Mexico; Casillo, Rocky, Blue Island, Ill.; Castaneda, Joe, Mexico; Castro, Jorge, Mexico; Champagne, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chartrand, Reggie, Montreal, Can.; Christensen, Chris, Denmark; Cimmino, Tony, Bayonne, N. J.

Clavel, Emmanuel, France; Clayton, Marshall, Washington, D. C.; Clemo, Joey, Portland, Ore.; Conde, Mario, Mexico.

D'Andrea, Vinnie, New York; Dartegui, Julio, Argentine; Davies, Laurie, Nigeria; Davila, Salvador, Mexico; DeCarlo, Vinnie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dione, Idrissa, France.

Earley, Charley, New York; Estrada, Arturo, Mexico.

Fenoy, Matias, Cuba; Ferguson, Charlie, Charlotte, N. C.; Flores, Alfonso, Mexico; Fuentes, Felipe, Mexico.

Galleymore, Peter, South Africa; Garmendia, Memo, Mexico; Gil, Cirilo, Argentine; Giosa, Eddie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Glaser, Herbert, Germany; Gony, Star, Philippines.

Greenwood, Joey, Akron, O.; Griffin, Larry, Lewiston, Me.; Guerra, Frederico, Argentine; Guivarch, Robert, France; Gurrola, Joey, San Jose, Cal.

Haines, Walter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hammond, Claude, West New York, N. J.

Harper, Ronnie, Huntington, W. Va.; Hartdegen, Joey, New Orleans, La.; Herreri, El, Durango, Mexico; Hohner, Ken, Windsor, Canada; Holderfield, Buddy, Little Rock, Ark.

Iglesias, Vincente, Mexico; Ike, Baby, Hollywood, Cal.

Jackson, Stonewall, Washington, D. C.; Jenkins, Ike, New York; Jiminez, Julio Cesar, Mexico.

Kerber, Dick, Milwaukee, Wis.; King, Peter, England; Klein, Joey, New York; Kurtz, Monroe, Newark, N. J.

Lauderdale, Bill, Miami, Fla.; Lazar, Lew, England; Lloyd, Bobby, New York; Lombardo, Johnny, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Lowry, Pat, Toledo, O.; Luciano, Sonny, Paterson, N. J.; Lyons, Harold, Detroit, Mich.

McCray, John, Houston, Texas; McCray, Shamus, Cleveland, O.; McFater, Alan, Toronto, Can.

Male, Luigi, Italy; Manzi, Pat, Syracuse, N. Y.; Marcello, Steve, Providence, R. I.; Marostegan, Bruno, France; Mastrean, Sammy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Melis, Paolo, Italy.

Mendivil, Miguel, Cuba; Miller, Johnny, Stockton, Cal.; Monforte, Fred, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Monzon, Antonio, Spain.

Moran, Nick, Mexico; Morizio, Phil, New York; Murphy, Billy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Murray, Ted, New York.

Neri, Bill, Bridgeport, Conn.; Newcombe, Bernie, England.

O'Brien, Jackie, Meriden, Conn.; O'Boyne, Billy, Old Orchard Beach, Me.; O'Kine, Vincent, African Gold Coast; Oliver, Eddie, Hartford, Conn.

Parker, Gene, Indianapolis, Ind.; Pastrano, Willie, New Orleans, La.; Pellegrini, Alvin, New Orleans, La.

Percy, Tony, Drummondville, Canada; Perez, Danny Jo, New York; Perez, Francisco, Mexico.

Reed, Richie, White Plains, N. Y.; Regan, Ken, England; Reyes, Oscar, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rodriquez, Eduardo, Mexico; Ryan, Terry, Portland, Me.

Salkeld, Johnny, Vancouver, Canada; Sampson, Clarence, Panama; Samuels, Luis, Panama; Sawyer, Charlie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Scortichini, Italo, Italy.

Skidmore, Frankie, Salinas, Cal.; Songtrikat, Somdez, Thailand; Soto, Rendon, Mexico; Spicer, Charley, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tariche, Kid, Cuba; Terrance, Bob, Los Angeles, Cal.; Terry, Mario, Cuba; Thompson, Fredrico, Panama.

Ussin, Gilbert, France; Vaccari, Iggy, Boston, Mass.; Velez, Joe, Seattle, Wash.; Vernagilione, Umberto, Italy; Vescovi, Franco, Italy.

Webb, Norman, Detroit, Mich.; Williams, Johnny, Montgomery, Ala.; Wilson, Wilbur, Boston, Mass.; Winchman, Henry, New York; Zokaryan, Garbas, Turkey.

Class C

Aciego, Tony, New York; Adkins, Chuck, Gary, Ind.; Aguilar, Chico, Kennewick, Wash.; Alexander, Jackie, Asheville, N. C.

Alexander, Chick, Philadelphia, Pa.; Allison, Barry, Westover, Mass.; Alvarez, Ralph, St. Paul, Minn.; Andrillon, Frank, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Angel, Louis, New York; Arnold, Jetson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Arruda, Joe, Fall River, Mass.; August, Frank, Pontiac, Mich.

Barbero, Al, Oakland, Cal.; Beaudro, Lou, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bishop, Joey, Philadelphia, Pa.

Boucher, Chico, New York; Boudreaux, Al, New Orleans, La.; Bowden, Whitt, Norfolk, Va.; Brewster, Bruce, Rochester, N. Y.; Bronko, Henry, Detroit, Mich.; Brooks, Cliff, Los Angeles, Cal.

Brown, Dalfus, Hawaii; Brown, Lester, Houston, Tex.; Brown, Mel, Paterson, N. J.; Burgess, Whitman, Cincinnati, O.; Busching, Larry, Syracuse, N. Y.; Capitano, John, New Orleans, La.

Capitano, John, New Orleans, La.; Carpenter, Ken, Waterville, Me.; Castillo, Manuel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Castillo, Tony, Dallas, Texas.

Chaney, John, Birmingham, Ala.; Chimenti, George, New York; Choi, Richie, Hawaii; Ciacco, Chuck, Spokane, Wash.

Cochran, Buddy, Somerville, Mass.; Cockrell, Frankie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Coleman, Willie, Atlantic City, N. J.; Collins, Roy, Newark, N. J.; Colucci, Mike, Corona, N. Y.; Corsey, Chico, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cousins, Jimmy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Cowan, Al, Spokane, Wash.; Coward, Roosevelt, Philadelphia, Pa.; Crawley, Larry, Plainfield, N. J.; Cummings, Bill, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Darby, Johnny, Pompton Lakes, N. J.; Davi, Vince, Los Angeles, Cal.; Davis, Elwood, Philadelphia, Pa.; DelGrado, Ray, Daytona, Fla.; DeLong, Joey, Calgary, Can.

DeMarco, Benny, New Orleans, La.; Desjardins, Wilf, Calgary, Can.; DeStino, Paul, Brooklyn, N. Y.; DeVito, Carmine, New York; Dias, Ricky, Fall River, Mass.; Diaz, Baby Joe, Tampa, Fla.

DiGillio, Johnny, Bayonne, N. J.; Dilkes, Gene, Boise, Idaho; Dixon, Tommy, New York.

Doan, Herman, Ft. Worth, Texas; Drexler, Charley, Bayonne, N. J.; Duran, Ralph, Hollywood, Cal.; Dynamite, Big, Washington, D. C.

Earnhardt, Buck, Spartenburg, S. C.; Easterling, George, Port Arthur, Tex.; Elam, Manny, Los Angeles, Calif.

Elliott, Bill, Eureka, Cal.; Elliott, Charley, Port Arthur, Tex.; Elliott, Jimmy, Macon, Ga.; Escamilla, Manuel, Galveston, Tex.; Evans, Emil, St. Paul, Minn.

Farias, Dave, San Antonio, Texas; Ferrera, Ricky, New Bedford, Mass.; Fiel, Alvino, New York; Fields, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Figuera, Danny, New York; Figueron, Andy, New York.

Fisher, Jack, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Flick, Jim, Seattle, Wash.; Flood, Paddy, New York; Flynn, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ford, Jim, Douglas, Ga.; Foster, Chuck, Omaha, Neb.; Foster, Don, Bar Harbor, Me.; Foy, Carl, Houston, Tex.; Fraser, Jerry, Calgary, Can.

Frazier, Buddy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frazier, Gerry, Halifax, N. S., Canada; Frazier, Neil, Minneapolis, Minn.; Frost, Jack, Kennewick, Wash.; Fulton, Bill, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fusco, Joe, Waterbury, Conn.

Gadson, Nickey, Newark, N. J.; Gage, Lou, San Francisco, Cal.; Garcia, Bebe, San Antonio, Tex.; Gascue, Chico, Venezuela; Gentile, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.

George, Hal, Kennewick, Wash.; Gillespie, John, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Gilmer, Joe, Stockton, Cal.; Goetter, Armand, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gomez, Lefty, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Gomez, Ralph, Sacramento, Cal.; Gonzales, Tony, Houston, Tex.; Gonzales, Sixto, Venezuela; Gorman, Henry, Paterson, N. J.; Goslow, Denny, Worcester, Mass.;

Gossett, Jimmy, Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Granado, Ray, San Antonio, Tex.; Grant, Dave, Boston, Mass.; Greer, Ernie, Stockton, Cal.

Griffin, Kevin, New York; Griffin, Paul, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gunther, Gene, Baltimore, Md.

Hank, Henry, Detroit, Mich.; Harris, Mel, Los Angeles, Cal.

Harrison, Ed, New Orleans, La.; Hartman, Billy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Hatcher, Tommy, Tampa, Fla.; Hauser, Al, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hefel, Adrian, Detroit, Mich.; Hendershot, Glen, Port Byron, N. Y.; Hernandez, Benny, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Herrera, Joe, Dallas, Tex.; Herrington, Teddy, Edmonton, Canada; Hill, Billy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hillard, Abe, New York; Hillson, Rus, Boston, Mass.

Holman, Paul, Boston, Mass.; Humphries, Jesse, Miami, Fla.; Hunick, Ernie, Salt Lake City, Utah; Huskey, Nate, Detroit, Mich.

Jackson, Emilio, Venezuela; James, George, Chicago, Ill.; Jefferson, Ray, Cleveland, O.; Johns, Gene, New York; Johnson, Ed, Los Angeles, Cal.

Kamber, Johnny, Short Hills, N. J.; Kapa, Walter, Sweden; Kelly, Charlie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kequom, Tommy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ketcherside, Cloyed, St. Louis, Mo.; Kuhmin, Frank, Calgary, Canada; Kupchak, Len, Vanconver, B. C., Canada.

Laine, Buddy, Akron, O.; LeMoyne, Roland, Quebec, Canada.

Lane, Dick, Los Angeles, Cal.; Larrivere, Al, Holyoke, Mass.; LeBlanc, Gene, Fall River, Mass.; Lee, Bobby, Seattle, Wash.

Leonard, Bobby, Palm Beach, Fla., Lepido, Billy, New York; Leslie, Howard, Toronto, Canada; Lii, Joe, Hawaii; Lissy, Joe, New York.

Logue, Pete, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lowry, Wes, Saginaw, Mich.; Lunn, Jimmy, Kansas City, Mo.; Lynn, Alfie, Jamaica, N. Y.; Lynn, Arnold, Jamaica, N. Y.; Lynn, Bernie, Jamaica, N. Y.

McCarron, Babe, Bangor, Me.; McCoy, Jimmy, Portland, Oregon; McDade, Clinton, Benton Harbor, Mich.; McDonald, Earl, Edmonton, Canada; McGilvary, Ron, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Mahoney, Pat, Seattle, Wash.; Malley, K. O., Chatham, N. B., Canada; Marin, Sammy, New York; Martina, Reggie, Charleston, W. Va.

Martinez, Chi Chi, Los Angeles, Cal.; Martinez, Roberto, Mexico; Martinez, Rudy, Hollywood, Cal.; Mattos, Jimmy, Lawrence, R. I.; Maye, Al, New York; Meadows, Gordon, Pontiac, Mich.

Meehan, Jimmy, New York; Miller, Cleo, Chicago, Ill.; Miller, Dick, Warren, Ohio; Mills, Johnny, San Antonio, Tex.

Montes, Manuel, Fresno, Cal.; Monteverde, Gus, Fitchburg, Mass.; Moreno, Mario, New York; Morgan, Nathan, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Morgano, Tommy, New York; Moseley, Ernest, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Nathan, Cal, Cleveland, O.; Noka, Pete, Detroit, Mich.; Novello, Johnny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Nunally, Hoyt, Columbus, Ga.

O'Neil, Barry, Los Angeles, Cal.; O'Neil, Jentice, St. Paul, Minn.; Palladino, Johnny, Middletown, Conn.

Pape, Johnny, New York; Paris, Wilfred, Glace Bay, Canada; Parker, Melvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Perez, Joey, San Francisco, Cal.; Perez, Johnny, Los Angeles, Cal.

Perrone, Sammy, Providence, R. I.; Petrigo, Walter, Calgary, Canada; Phillips, Boise, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pinkus, Billy, Winnipeg, Canada.

Price, Chuck, Detroit, Mich.; Prince, Eddie, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Proffitt, Benny, Terre Haute, Ind.; Pulgiano, Frank, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pulido, Eddie, Tampa, Fla.; Putney, Chuck, Boise, Idaho.

Racine, Tony, New York; Radulic, Al, Hoboken, N. J.; Reddish, Bill, Boston, Mass.; Reynolds, Edde, Syracuse, N. Y.

Rezar, Tony, Jersey City, N. J.; Rhodes, Mickey, Boise, Idaho; Ricks, Gene, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Ringuette, Roger, Fall River, Mass.

Roberts, Danny, Newark, N. Y.; Roberts, Ernie, New York; Rockford, Kenny, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rogers, George, Hollywood, Cal.; Rogers, Skippy, Worcester, Mass.; Romair, Wendell, Houston, Texas; Rosado, Bobby, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Saad, Phil, New Haven, Conn.; Salazar, Johnny, Eureka, Cal.; Sanchez, Pete, Dallas, Tex.; Saunders, Bobby, San Francisco, Cal.; Savino, Frankie, Providence, R. I.; Shanley, Des, Jersey City, N. J.

Shaw, Norman, Fall River, Mass.; Sidney, Bill, Toronto, Can.; Silvia, Eddie, New Bedford, Mass.; Silvia, Toby, Fall River, Mass.; Solan, Don, Salt Lake City, Utah; Smith, Rocky, San Antonio, Tex.; Smith, Terry, Detroit, Mich.

Solon, Valsie, Duluth, Mnn.; Southern, Don, Newport, R. I.; Spencer, Leon, Hollywood, Cal.; Stafford, Carl, Chicago, Ill.

Stevens, Cliff, Miami, Fla.; Straws, Sammy, New York; Sudduth, Billy, Kansas City, Mo.; Swan, Tommy, Milwaukee, Wis.; Swift, Eddie, Waterbury, Conn.; Sydnor, Willie, Ruckahoe, N. Y.

Taddy, Andy, Bronx, New York; Talamantes, Carlos, Mexico; Tangles, Ted, Cleveland, O.; Taylor, Bobby, Los Angeles, Cal.; Taylor, Danny, New York; Taylor, Morgan, Tampa, Fla.

Terry, Frank, Philadelphia, Pa.; Thelmaque, Artie, St. Albans, N. Y.; Thompson, Carl, Philadelphia, Pa.; Traves, Ben, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trujillo, Bobby, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tucci, Emmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tweed, Bobby, Paterson, N. J.; Tyler, Tuppy, Edmonton, Canada.

Ulis, Ray, Toledo, O.; Valencia, Raul, Oakland, Cal.; Vance, Babe, San Diego, Cal.; Villiafarro, Al, New Orleans, La.; Vinje, Murray, Calgary, Canada; Virgo, Danny, New York.

Wagner, Clyde, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wallace, Frankie, Houston, Tex.; Walters, Eddie, Alexander, Va.; Washburn, Eddie, Lawton, Okla.

Watkins, James, Buffalo, N. Y.; White, Ike, Philadelphia, Pa.; Williams, Eddie, New York; Williams, Ronnie, Newark, N. J.; Wilson, Boston, San Francisco, Cal.

Winslow, Woody, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wirt, Roy, Roanoke, Va.; Wong, Dick, Hawaii; Woodbury, Dennis, San Antonio, Tex.; Wright, Charley, New York.

Zepeda, Pancho, Mexico; Zimmerman, Dave, Washington, D. C.; Zotto, Iggy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
James Carter, New York City

Group I

1—Jimmy Carter, New York City, N. Y.

Group II

1—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
2—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
3—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
4—Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
5—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
6—Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
7—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
8—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
9—Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
10—Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada

Group III

1—Henry Davis, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
3—Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
4—Augustin Argote, Spain
5—Jacques Herbillon, France
6—Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
7—Lauro Salas, Monterey, Mexico
8—Joe Lucy, England
9—Jorgen Johansen, Denmark
10—Hoacine Khalfi, Algeria
11—Duilio Loi, Italy
12—Pat Ford, Australia

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Class A

Andrade, Cisco, Los Angeles, Cal.; Barreto, Luis, Venezuela; Brown, Al, British Guinea.

Cantor, Solly, Canada; Centella, Kid, New Orleans, La.; Chavez, Carlos, Los Angeles, Cal.; Chavez, Fabela, Los Angeles, Cal.; Compo, Eddie, New Haven, Conn.

Dunn, Georgie, Edmonton, Canada; Espinosa, Bonnie, Philippines; Germaine, Ivor, British Guinea.

Habib, Tony, South Africa; Handke, Werner, Germany; Hazel, Johnny, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Herman, Freddy (Babe), Los Angeles, Cal.; Howard, Richie, Halifax, Canada. Janssen, Joseph, Belgium.

Jones, Harold, Detroit, Mich.; Kelly, Brian, Niagara Falls, Canada.

Lastre, Rafael, Cuba; Lightburn, Ludwig, British Honduras; Logart, Isaacs, Cuba.

McGovern, Tommy, England; Mahlangu, Johnny, South Africa; Mardid, Manny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Masashi, Akiyama, Japan.

Ortiz, Gorilon, Mexico; Padilla, Juan, Mexico; Perry, James, Hawaii; Plummer, Fredrico, Panama.

Prada, Alfredo, Argentine; Prigent, Jacques, France; Rivera, Manuel, Mexico; Vasquez, Arturo, Mexico; Woods, Bobby, Eureka, Cal.

Class B

Abrams, Boland, Philadelphia, Pa.; Aielo, Domingo, Argentine; Allen, Davey, Miami Fla.; Alvarez, Jose, Mexico; Franco, Antonini, Italy; Arguelles, Jose, Mexico.

Berry, George, Gary, Ind.; Bickle, Bob, Topeka, Kan.; Biesca, Pedro, Mexico; Bonetti, Americo, Argentine; Bowman, Don, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Boy, Tenejeros, Philippine Islands.

Brown, Houston, Cleveland, O.; Brown, Wilfredo, Panama; Burns, Jimmy, Augusta, Ga.; Butterworth, Johnny, England.

Cabanela, Speed, Philippine Islands; Cantiberos, Larry, Hawaii; Carrara, Louis, France; Castanon, Conrado, Mexico.

Caulet, August, France; Cee, Willie, Hartford, Conn.; Celano, Tony, Baltimore, Md.; Cervantes, Ralph, Chicago, Ill.; Chabot, Bobby, Boston, Mass.

Chiocca, Sauveur, France; Ciccarelli, Mario, Italy; Coates, Carl, Baltimore, Md.; Collazo, Damasco, Cuba; Collins, George, New York.

Colonia, Chino, Mexico; Costa, Carmelo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Crump, Richie, New York; Cruz, Aurelio, Mexico.

Dade, Harold, Los Angeles, Cal.; Davis, Danny, Minneapolis, Minn.; De Hoyos, Rudy, Mexico.

Diaz, Gabriel, Mexico; Diaz, Ruben, Venezuela; Donnell, Abel, Hawaii.

Edmonds, George, Hartford, Conn.; English, Bobby, Fall River, Mass.; Esqueda, Enrique, Mexico; Esqueda, Raul, Mexico; Esteban, Santiago, Walasenburg, Colo.; Estala, Diego, Mexico.

Felan, Joe, San Antonio, Tex.; Fenty, Bobby, New York; Finnigan, Cliff, Panama; Fisher, Joey, Denver, Colo.

Formenti, Ernesto, Italy; Fuentalba, Luis, Argentine; Funari, Nicola, Italy; Fusaro, Valde, Italy.

Galasso, Pedro, Brazil; Galicia, Jose, Mexico; Gambino, Joey, Levittown, N. Y.; Garcia, Basilio, Cuba; Gatica, Jose, Argentine.

Godin, Lahouari, French Algeria; Gomez, Enrique, Mexico; Gonzalez, Candido, Cuba; Gonzalez, Gallito, Eagle Pass, Texas; Goza, Jose, Argentine.

Hackney, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hadad, Rafael, Mexico; Hayden, Jackie, Nova Scotia, Canada; Haynes, Donald, Hollywood, Cal.; Hernandez, Chato, Durango, Mexico.

Hidalgo, Domingo, Mexico; Hita, Floro, Cuba; Holmes, Graham, Manchester, Conn.; Hoxey, Dixon, Seattle, Wash.; Hudson, Lloyd, Bath, Maine; Hunter, Al, New York.

Ibarra, Chucho, Mexico; Jiminez, Chu Chu, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jones, Herbie, Washington, D. C.; Juergens, Al, Austin, Texas; Justine, George, Philadelphia, Pa.

Kemick, Ernie, Calgary, Canada; Kirby, Doug, San Francisco, Cal.; La Grutta, Alfredo, Italy.

LaSane, Henry, Houston, Texas; Lerma, Tommy, Philippine Islands; Leyva, Baby Carlos, Mexico; Lopez, Armando, Cuba; Lynch, Aberdeen, Los Angeles, Cal.

McNally, Joe, New Zealand; Maddox, Tommy, Chicago, Ill.; Mallane, Pat, Union City, Conn.; Manaois, Tommy, Denver, Colo.; Mantecon, Mario, Mexico.

Manzo, Libby, Elmhurst, N. Y.; Marciano, Tommy, Phoenixville, Pa.; Marconi, Emilio, Italy; Mares, Salvador, Mexico; Marie, Basil, Charleston, W. Va.

Martinez, Armando, Cuba; Martinez, Chico, Mexico; Martinez, Tote, Stockton, Cal.; Matnog, Star, Philippine Islands; Medley, Doug, Louisville, Ky.; Meltzer, Hy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mendoza, Manuel, Mexico.

Miloud, Ben, French Morocco; Monroe, George, Worcester, Mass.; Monti, Eduardo, Argentine; Morrell, Jose, New York; Mujica,

Larry, Columbus, Ga.; Munoz, Manuel, Mexico.

Oriental, Bonbon, Cuba; Paquette, Noel, Montreal, Can.; Pena, Marcello, Mexico; Pina, Pedro, Mexico; Randell, Rocky, Rome, Ga.; Reed, Tommy, Trenton, N. J.

Rodgers, Sammy, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rodriquez, Rolando, Cuba; Romano, Roque, Argentine.

Rosales, Mike, Mexico; Ross, Milton, Philippines; Rossi, Palo, Italy; Ruiz, Chucho, Mexico; Ryff, Frankie, New York.

St. Louis, Boswell, Trinidad; Salazar, Augie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Savala, Jimmy, San Francisco, Cal.; Silva, Bobby, Mexico; Singleton, Bobby, South Bend, Ind.; Slaughter, Charley, Westfield, N. J.

Smith, Calvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Smith, Charley, Newark, N. J.; Smith, Harry, Rochester, N. Y.; Sosa, Diego, Cuba; Spano, Tony, Chicago, Ill.

Tibbs, Tommy, Boston, Mass.; Underwood, Jesse, Charleston, W. Va.

VanBlerk, Johnny, South Africa; Vazquez, Baby, Mexico; Vazquez, Chebo, Mexico; Visintin, Bruno, Italy.

Whitewater, Archie, Eureka, Cal.; Young, Terry, New York; Zavala, Humberto, Mexico.

Class C

Acusta, Bobby, Hawaii; Aguilar, Baby, Kennewick, Wash.; Albino, Young, Philippine Islands; Allen, Whitey, Jacksonville, Fla.

Bacquetes, Hector, New Orleans, La.; Barnes, John, Detroit, Mich.; Bartolomeo, Carmen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bennett, Bobby, Darby, Pa.; Benty, Frank, Panama.

Betancourt, Johnny, New York; Betts, Frankie, Syracuse, N. Y.; Biancaniello, John, Philadelphia, Pa.; Biela, Ziggy, Chicago, Ill.; Blanco, Nick, Cuba.

Bolanos, Pancho, Mexico; Bonomo, Vince, New Orleans, La.; Boyd, Roy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Boyd, Willie, Spokane, Wash.; Bradley, Clifton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Brown, Little (Poppa), Seattle, Wash.; Brown, Willie, New York; Bryant, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Budwin, Tony, Philadelphia, Pa.

Caballero, Rocky, Austin, Texas; Casar, Willie, Hawaii; Calabro, Carl, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Calabro, Sal, New York; Calcutt, Jimmy, Florence, S. C.; Calloway, Lou, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Capone, Ralph, Chicago, Ill.

Carrillo, Ramon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Carvajal, Humberto, Mexico; Castro, Ray, Hollywood, Cal.; Certisimo, Al, Hoboken, N. J.; Cervantes, Dave, Mexico.

Chambers, Stormy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Chastain, Clyde, Asheville, N. C.; Cheatum, Don, Newark, N. J.; Cheek, Ralph, Los Angeles, Cal.; Clemons, Earl, Baltimore, Md.

Cody, Pat, Providence, R. I.; Conners, Dextor, Toronto, Can.; Cook, Don, Vallejo, Cal.; Crawford, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Culver, Warren, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Davis, Ernie, Seattle, Wash.; Davis, Reuben, Philadelphia, Pa.; Davis, Russell, Las Vegas, Nev.

DeCerio, Richie, Norristown, Pa.; DeForest, Jimmy, Worcester, Mass.; DeHoyos, Jesse, Mexico; DeMura, Jimmy, Syracuse, N. Y.

Dennis, Earl, New York; Dick, Marvin, Broklyn, N. Y.; Duarte, Al, New Bedford, Mass.; DuFour, Bobby, Montreal, Canada.

Eden, Bob, Kansas City, Kan.; Edwards, Ray, New York; Ernston, Don, Salt Lake City, Utah; Escalero, Fredrico, Puerto Rico.

Escobar, Andy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Estrado, Mike, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Evans, Bobby, Columbus, Ga.; Evatt, Buddy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ferrer, Gordon, Chicago, Ill.; Flores, Manuel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Flores, Tommy, Stockton, Cal.; Fondt, Buddy, Bayonne, N. J.; Fuller, Bobby, New York.

Gallagher, Leonard, Oakland, Cal.; Gallagher, Tony, Baltimore, Md.; Garcia, Lorenzo, Dallas, Tex.; Garcia, Reuben, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gariby, Al, San Jose, Cal.

Garza, Bobby, Corpus Christi, Texas; Gauthier, Aime, Toronto, Can.; Gerena, Wilfredo, Puerto Rico; Gilson, Johnny, Broad Channel, N. Y.; Gondeau, Earl, St. Louis, Mo.

Gonzales, Art, Tampa, Fla.; Green, Billy, Westfield, N. J.; Griffin, Eddie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Grinton, Don, Bradford, Canada; Grow, Jimmy, Lewiston, Utah; Guzzetti, Joe, Watertown, N. Y.

Haas, Fred, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Haigy, Jimmy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hause, Henry, Trenton, N. J.; Henry, J. W., Houston, Texas.

Hernandez, Jesse, Corpus Christi, Texas; Hickman, Marvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Higgins, Sammy, Fresno, Cal.; Huerra, Jose, Mexico.

Ippolito, Frank, New York; Jackson, Cortez, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jenkins, Sonny, St. Louis, Mo.; Johnson, Gene, New York; Johnson, Walter, Paterson, N. J.; Jones, Willie, Gary, Ind.; Josephs, Danny, Providence, R. I.

Kelly, Pat, Boston, Mass.; Kim Seu, Randy, Hawaii; Kinnard, Jimmy, Galveston, Texas.

Lane, Kenny, Muskegon, Mich.; Leone, Rocky, Roxbury, Mass.; Leviege, Morris, Eureka, Cal.; Little, Mack, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis, Young Joe, Tampa, Fla.; Luera, Henry, Corpus Christi, Texas.

McCann, Artie, New York; McIntyre, Bill, Boston, Mass.; Macias, Jorge, Mexico; Maes, Andy, Denver, Colo.

Manny, Maurice, Montreal, Can.; Martin, Paul, Old Orchard Beach, Me.; Martino, Lou, Jersey City, N. J.; Massey, Eddie, Newport, R. I.

Mathis, Babe, Los Angeles, Cal.; Matos, Billy, Boston, Mass.; Meeks, Benny, New York; Meyers, Emile, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mocaby, George, Boise, Idaho.

Mohammed, Nur, India; Moore, Alvin, Salinas, Cal.; Moreno, Joe, New York.

Morris, Gene, Los Angeles, Cal.; Moulton, Jim, New York; Muniz, Armando, El Paso, Texas; Muniz, Gilberto, Los Angeles, Cal.

Naven, Star, Philippine Islands; Nee, Tommy, Boston, Mass.

O'Neal, Frank, Detroit, Mich.; Olguin, Pete, Los Angeles, Cal.; Olivas, Tony, Mexico; Olmstead, Merrill, Springfield, Mass.

Pacheco, Eloy, Venezuela; Patzer, Herbie, Anaconda, Montana; Peralta, Lionel, Panama; Perez, Irving, New York; Perez, Jerson, Mexico.

Quintana, Marcelino, Cuba; Real, Augie, Oakland, Cal.; Redundo, Felix, Bayonne, N. J.

Reed, Braxton, New York; Renteria, Manuel, Hollywood, Cal.; Richards, Claude, Quebec, Canada; Richards, Johnny Los Angeles, Cal.

Richards, LeRoy, Fresno, Cal.; Ridgeway, Pete, Miami Beach, Fla.; Ritter, Bob, Cleveland, O.; Rivera, Frankie, Kansas City, Kansas.

Roach, Paul, Boston, Mass.; Roberts, Tommy, New York; Robinson, Wilbur, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Robnett, Gene, Chicago, Ill.; Roma, Guy, Newark, N. J.; Romo, Bobby, Los Angeles, Cal.; Roxas, Dommy, Philippine Islands; Rubi, Bob, San Francisco, Cal.

Salcone, Joey, Chicago, Ill.; Satchell, Bobby, Phoenix, Ariz.; Scalero, Jimmy, Stamford, Conn.; Scott, Charley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Scott, Milton, Chicago, Ill.

Sequeria, Stan, Oakland, Cal.; Serna, Ray, Hollywood, Cal.; Sharkey, Young, Holyoke, Mass.; Sligar, Otho, Houston, Texas.

Smith, Marvin, Long Beach, Cal.; Smith, Paul, Denver, Colo.; Soo, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Spain, Ronnie, Omaha, Neb.

Sparks, Jimmy, Chicago, Ill.; Stover, Edgar, New York; Stribling, Ron, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Sullivan, Rocky, Dorchester, Mass.

Thomas, Pat, Washington, D. C.; Timpson, Bobby, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tourcotte, Mike, New Orleans, La.; Trero, Maxie, Corpus Christi, Texas; Trevino, Roger, Houston, Texas.

Uhl, Benny, Toronto, Canada; Valentine, Johnny, Detroit, Mich.; Vance, Lamonie, San Antonio, Texas; Van Derveer, Blackie, Seattle, Wash.; Vazquez, Joe, Houston, Texas; Venuto, Carmen, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ware, Martin, Omaha, Neb.; Washington, Ulysses, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Weiss, Walter, Malden, Mass.; Wilde, Jimmy, New York; Wilkie, Jimmy, Boston, Mass.

Williams, Honey Boy, Miami, Fla.; Wilson, Billy, Bangor, Me.; Wilson, Bobby, Indianapolis, Ind.; Woods, Israel ,Oak Hills, Fla.; Yantis, Bobby, Daytona Beach, Fla.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion

Sandy Saddler, New York
(In U. S. Army)

Group I

1—Sandy Saddler, New York City, N. Y.
2—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
3—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
4—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Baby Ortiz, Mexico City.
6—Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Roy Ankrah, West Africa
8—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
9—Ray Famechon, France
10—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Group II

1—Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
2—Bill Bossio, Hartsdale, N. Y.
3—Puppy Garcia, Cuba
4—Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.
5—Vic Toweel, South Africa
6—Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
7—Ciro Morasen, Cuba
8—*Ray Grassi, France
9—Sammy McCarthy, England
10—Humberto Carrillo, Mexico
11—Gene Smith, Washington, D. C.
***Died December 8.**

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Class A

Akanuma, Akiyoski, Japan; Aldama, Angel, Mexico; Anahuca, Kid, Mexico.

Barbardoro, Nello, Italy; Bassey, Hogan, British Guinea; Bataan, Larry, Philippine Islands; Bennett, Elley, Australia; Berrios, Miguel, Puerto, Rico.

Blair, Jackie, Dallas, Tex.; Bourne, Melvin, Panama; Brown, Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bruno, Jose, Argentine.

Cadilli, Gil, Hollywood, Cal.; Cam, Joey, Boston, Mass.; Campos, Juan Luis, Hollywood, Cal.; Castillo, Tomas, Mexico; Chickaoui, Mohammed, Algiers; Clayton, Ronnie, England.

Collins, Tommy, Boston, Mass.; Cooper, Jimmy, Washington, D. C.; Copeland, Auburn, Detroit, Mich.; Cruz, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.

Davis, Kenny, Clarendon, Tex.; Echevarria, Babe, Cuba; Fernandez, Jose, Spain.

Galvani, Luis, Cuba; Garcia, Rudy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gomes, Harold, Providence, R. I.; Graves, Jackie, Austin, Minn.; Gutierrez, Xavier (Baby Face), Los Angeles, Cal.

King, Trevor, Australia; Lamelas, Enrique, Cuba; Leanos, Juan, Mexico.

Marcune, Pat, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Milan, Sergio, Italy; Mongia, Jesse, Denver, Colo.; Ortiz, Manuel, ElCento, Cal.

Polidori, Altidoro, Italy; Saavedra, Cesar, Mexico; Silva, Fernando, Cuba; Sodano, Frankie, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tissong, Alby, South Africa; Tesis, Pedro, Panama; Torres, Moi, Mexico; Why, Bobby, Los Angeles, Cal.

Class B

Almazan, Eduardo, Mexico; Alvarez, Juan, Belgium; Angelo, Ray, Philippine Islands.

Bell, Bobby, Youngstown, O.; Bick, Karl Heinz, Germany; Bonnici, Sammy, Malta; Borraccia, Antonio, Italy; Bravo, Fred, Mexico.

Brits, Bobby, South Africa; Brown, Baby, Philippine Islands; Brown, Walter, Baltimore, Md.; Bruyns, Harry, South Africa; Cabo, Louis, Belgium.

Campecha, Kid, Mexico; Caprari, Sergio, Italy; Cerasini, Alvaro, Italy; Chestnut, Ike, New York; Chocolate, Benny, South Africa; Courchesne, Bobby, Springfield, Mass.

De La Cruz, Enrique, Mexico; Dundee, Baby, Philippine Islands.

Escarlan, Paulito, Philippine Islands; Escobar, Aen, Philippine Islands.

Fernandez, Enrique, Cuba; Figueroa, Emilio, Cuba; Francis, Rudolfo, Panama; Fuestes, Vic, Philippine Islands.

Garcia, Hector, Mexico; Garcia, Manolo, Spain; Garcia, Lino, Cuba; Garcia, Pedro, Mexico.

Gaviola, Dommy, Philippine Islands; Genshaw, Carroll, San Jose, Cal.; Guerrero, Indian, Mexico; Guiterrez, Joel, Mexico.

Hernandez, Roy, Dallas, Tex.; Herrick, Paul, Portland, Me.; Higa, Roy, Hawaii; Hilton, Earl, Philadelphia, Pa.

Kelly, Billy, Ireland; Klok, Henk, Holland; LeBrun, Leo, New York; Lima, Billy, Lakeland, Fla.; Longo, Tony, Washington, D. C.; Luna, Baby, Mexico.

McGarrity, Charley, Rahway, N. J.; Maas, Jan, Belgium; Machterlinck, Jean, Belgium; Maldonado, Joe, Walsenburg, Colo.; Manjaras, Jorge, Mexico; Mars, Mickey, Cleveland, O.

Martinez, Isidro, Panama; Martinez, Juan, Cuba; Martinez, Santiago, Cuba; Milan, Sergio, Italy; Medina, Juan, Cuba.

Montano, Rocky, Philippine Islands; Montes, Pepe, Mexico; Morales, Martin, Mexico; Mousse, Georges, France; Mullin, Art, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nuvoloni, Alvaro, Italy; O'Brien, Johnny, Boston, Mass; Osario, Filberto, Puerto Rico; Otis, Horacio, Panama.

Peckham, Teddy, England; Portley, Arthur, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pravisani, Aldo, Italy.

Quinton, Small, Philippine Islands; Ramos, Jose, Puerto Rico; Ranvial, Marcel, France.

Rivera, Gustavo, Mexico; Roberts, Teddy, St. Louis, Mo.; Rodriquez, Benjamin, Cuba.

Rodriquez, Martin, Cuba; Rollins, Dave, Detroit, Mich.; Romero, Luis, Spain; Romulo, Tommy, Philippine Islands; Rosa, Chico, Oakland, Cal.

Schomig, Hans, Germany; Serafin, Genaro, Mexico; Serrano, Baby, Mexico; Serrano, Teo, Mexico; Skinkiss, Stan, England.

Smith, Ruben, Los Angeles, Col.; Solis, Raul, Mexico; Sosa, Felipe, Mexico.

Tague, Russell, Des Moines, Iowa; Tisi, Al, New York; Titone, Charley, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Trainor, Steve, England.

Valero, Memo, Mexico; Valles, Tito, New York; Vazquez, Rafael, Mexico; Vento, Hector, Cuba; Venturi, Dante, Italy.

Wagner, Billy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Walker, Barney, Australia; Wilkinson, Joe, Washington, D. C.

Class C

Adams, Crawford, Chicago, Ill.; Adams, Kenny, Westerly, R. I.; Aguirre, Pete, Los Angeles, Cal.; Allen, George, Paterson, N. J.; Allen, Kid, Panama.

Alonzo, Ismael, Mexico; Amabile, Tony, New York; Anderson, Chico, Panama; Aubut, Gerry, Quebec, Canada.

Bain, Tommy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Baptista, Manuel, New Bedford, Mass.; Beaman, Billy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bear, Teddy, Portland, Ore.; Bibbs, Bernard, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bidau, Enrique, Venezuela; Biondolletti, Vince, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Blanchard, Doc, Cambridge, Mass.; Blanchard, Yvon, Montreal, Can.; Boardman, Larry, Marlboro, Conn.

Book, Terry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Britt, Elmer, Memphis, Tenn.; Brown, Cliff, Boston, Mass.; Brown, Ernie, Philippine Islands.

Camarillo, Manny, San Antonio, Tex.; Carrillo, Dave, New York; Castillo, Willie,

Houston, Tex.; Cisneros, Jesue, Venezuela; Clave, Gilbert, Montreal, Can.

Cook, Bobby, Belfast, Me.; Cooper, Eddie, Louisville, Ky.; Crawford, Eddie, Akron, O.

Davis, Arthur, Roxbury, Mass.; Davis, Bobby, Newark, N. J.; DeJesus, Mario, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Delgado, Roberto, Cuba.

Delgrado, Emando, Galveston, Tex.; Del Gado, Vincent, Los Angeles, Cal.

Devano, Nick, Norwich, Conn.; DeVarennes, Richard, Quebec, Canada; Diggs, Charley, Baltimore, Md.; Donaldson, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.; Duran, Pelon, Mexico.

Elwood, Doug, New Orleans, La.; Emperio, Rush, Philippine Islands; Ennis, Curtis, Durham, N. C.

Ferguson, Rocky, Philippine Islands; Figueroa, Pedro, Broklyn, N. Y.; Flippin, Ray, Chicago, Ill.; Fortuno, Sammy, Montreal, Can.

Gagnier, Hubert, Montreal, Can.; Garcia, Isval, Houston, Tex.; Garcia, Joe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gaudette, Stony, Hartford, Conn.

Gibson, Norman, Asheville, N. C.; Gittens, Young, Panama; Gonzales, Chico, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gory, Bob, Peekskill, N. Y.

Harriston, Jimmy, Kansas City, Mo.; Harris, Mel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry, Bobby, Dallas, Tex.; Horvarth, Steve, Windsor, Can.; Hubbard, Russ, Cleveland, O.; Huizar, Pete, San Antonio, Tex.

Ithia, Jimmy, New York; Jack, Baby Beau, New York; Jennings, Eddie, New Orleans, La.; Jones, Paul, Bastrop, La.; Jorgeson, Paul, Port Arthur, Tex.

Kortright, Jerry, New York; Lamarche, Emil, Montreal, Can.; Langlois, Guy, Three Rivers, Can.; Lopez, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lujon, Hank, Sacramento, Cal.

McGroarty, Larry, Chicago, Ill.; McNamara, Dinny, Reading, Pa.; Maiorana, Tony, Los Angeles, Cal.

Martinez, Epihanio, Mexico; Martinez, Kildo, Hollywood, Cal.; Mauhar, Teddy, Philippine Islands; Montana, Art, Tampa, Fla.; Moore, Davey, Springfield, O.; Moulton, Red, Saco, Me.

Nardo, Joe, New Bedford, Mass.; Nobleza, Joe, Hawaii; O'Rourke, Hughie, Worcester, Mass.; O'Toole, Joe, San Antonio, Tex.

Osunua Chico, El Paso, Tex.; Owens, Don, Chicago, Ill.

Patunas, George, Bayonne, N. J.; Penalver, Sergio, Cuba; Perez, Junior, Long Island City, N. Y.; Pietro, Joe, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pijuan, Baby, Cuba; Ponce, Vic, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ramirez, Ray, San Jose, Cal.; Ramos, Ernie, Oceanside, Cal.; Ramos, Milling, Philippine Islands; Ramponi, Art, Oakland, Cal.; Reyes, Nestor, Philippine Islands; Roberts, Guilermo, Cuba.

Robinson, Panama Ray, Panama; Rodriquez, Eddie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rordiquez, Gerardo, Cuba; Rodriquez, Nelson, Cuba.

Romano, Joe, Topeka, Kan.; Rosa, Ben, Puerto Rico; Roybal, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ruiz, Ed, Houston, Tex.

Saint, Young, Holyoke, Mass.; Salazar, Ruben, Houston, Tex.; Sanchez, Jorge, Cuba; Sanders, Bobby, Hawaii.

Savala, Lucio, Madera, Cal.; Savedra, Carlos, New Orleans, La.; Sheehan, Jimmy, New York; Sheridan, Billy, Portland, Me.

Slater, Gil, Chicago, Ill.; Smith, Harry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Speed, Frankie, New Orleans, La.

Sullivan, Danny, Portland, Me.; Sullivan, Rex, Philadelphia, Pa.; Supple, Don, Montreal, Can.; Sylva, Ernest, Hawaii.

Tocci, Mike, Jersey City City, N. J.; Tom, Terry, Philippine Islands; Treadway, Maurice, Charlotte, N. C.; Triana, Al, Cuba; Tut, King, Philippine Islands.

Valarde, Gil, Los Angeles, Cal.; Villa, Augie, Alvardo, Cal.; Villa, Chico, Alvardo, Cal.

Wagner, Don, Fall River, Mass.; Williams, Paul, Reno, Nev.; Wilson, Ike, Philadelphia, Pa.

Zamparippa, Andy, San Antonio, Tex., Zurita, Willie, Mexico.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia

Group I

1—Jimmy Carruthers, Australia
2—Robert Cohen, France
3—Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.
5—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
6—John Kelly, Ireland
7—Raton Macias, Mexico
8—Gaetano Annaloro, Italy
9—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
10—Maurice Sandeyron, France
11—Andre Valignat, France
12—Orlando Castillo, Cuba
13—Peter Keenan, England
14—Emil Chemama, France
15—Gianni Zuddas, Italy

Group II

1—Mario D'Agata, Italy
2—Flash Elorde, Phillipines
3—Robert Meunier, France
4—Bobby Sinn, Australia
5—Luis Castillo, Mexico

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Class A

Asprilla, Victor, Panama; Baggett, Buddy, Dallas, Tex.

Cardinale, Tino, Italy; Colomb, Jacques, France; Couary, Beto, Mexico.

De la Rosa, Emilio, Mexico; Francis, Mannie (Kid), African Gold Coast.

Gagnon, Fernando, Quebec, Canada; Galvan, Otilio, Mexico.

Jones, LeRoy (Casey), Los Angeles, Cal.; Mario, Baby Moe, Reno, Nev.; O'Neil, George, Ireland; Ojeda, Edel, Mexico.

Pratesi, Hilaire, France; Reyes, Alberto, Chile; Santoy, Alex, San Antonio, Tex.

Teran, Keeny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Torres, Oscar, Los Angeles, Cal.; Van der Zee, Heintje, Holland; Webber, Don, Roanoke, Va.

Class B

Alaniz, Roberto, San Antonio, Tex.; Alvarez, Manuel, Mexico.

Bermudez, Marciano, Mexico; Bill, Black, Panama; Bini, Dante, France.

Bolaert, Alex, Belgium; Bonin, Guy, France; Botello, Lino, Mexico; Brooks, Nate, Cleveland, O.

Carson, Eddie, Scotland; Castro, Manny, Mexico; Chamaco, Joe, Mexico; Cruz, Mike, Mexico.

deArms, Israel, Cuba; DeBow, Charlie, Springfield, Mass.; De la Torre, Chebo, Mexico; Diaz, Antonio, Spain; Diaz, Memo, Mexico; Dorantes, Memo, Mexico.

Espinosa, Robert, Mexico; Etter, Caliostro, Switzerland; Fasulo, Luigi, Italy.

Garcia, Babe, Mexico; Garcia, Leandro, Mexico; Gaytan, Felix, Mexico; Hidalgo, Celso, Mexico.

Iglesias, Angel, Mexico; Jensen, Jenning, Denmark; Jimenez, Sapito, Mexico.

Kidy, Jean, Belgium; King, Donald, Silver Springs, Md.; Lopez, Jose, Mexico.

Martinez, Tacho, Mexico; Medina, Gregorio, Mexico; Medina, Theo, France; Moletto, Edmond, Monaco.

Nava, Fili, Mexico; O'Sullivan, Mickey, England.

Raaf, Matthew, South Africa; Ramirez, Manuel, Mexico; Rayo, Mario, Argentine; Reyes, Luis, Mexico; Rivera, Baby, Mexico.

Rivero, Aurielo, Mexico; Rubio, Jesus, Spain; Ruiz, Trini, Mexico.

Saucedo, Rogelio, Mexico; Schoonmaker, Cecil, New York.

Tetlow, Neville, England; Torres, Little Cuban, Mexico; Towell, Willie, South Africa.

Umeda, Tommy, Hawaii; Valverde, Jorge, Mexico; Vasquez, Tommy, Mexico; Zale, Jimmy, West Africa.

Class C

Amaya, Angel, Venezuela; Anido, Israel, Cuba; Arguyo, Rudy, Hawaii.

Asmar, Hugh, Keansburg, N. J.; Aviles, Alonzo, Los Angeles, Cal.; Axt, Ray, Cincinnati, O.

Bastidas, Freddy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Basurto, Bob, San Jose, Cal.; Bedoya, Davey, Mexico; Bell, Willie, Hollywood, Cal.; Bishop, Edwin, Trenton, N. J.; Butts, Bobby, Saco, Me.

Caballero, Rusty, Los Angeles, Cal.; Campos, Frankie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Cassady, Dick, Detroit, Mich.; Castell Humberto, Cuba.

Contreras, Ramon, Mexico; Cordova, Angel, Venezuela; Cumberarch, Bryon, Panama.

Dale, Gene, Memphis, Tenn.; Davidson, Speedy, New Orleans, La.; Delgado, Jose Eamon, Venezuela; Dennis, Mutt, Houston, Tex.

Esquivel, Lupe, Mexico; Fimbras, Alex, Phoenix, Ariz.; Flores, Pee Wee, Tampa, Fla.

Galvano, Francisco, Argentine; Garcia, Sammy, Richmond, Cal.; Gavilan, Kid II, Panama.

Gonzales, Sec, Hollywood, Cal.; Gordon, Joe, Washington, D. C.; Grasso, Tony, Los Angeles, Cal.

Hawkins, Frank, Canada; Hernandez, Pablo, Mexico; Herrera, Jackie, Richmond, Cal.; Hidalgo, Lucio, Mexico; Hostin, Al, Panama.

Jacquet, George, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jamieson, Alfredo, Panama; Kantor, Ed, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Leal, Bobby, Hollywood, Cal.; Lopez, Osvaldo, Argentine; Luna, Mercy, Mexico.

Obera, Yogi, New York; Ortiz, Cleto, Puerto Rico.

Pacheco, Melanio, Panama; Perkins, Edgar, New York.

Quinones, Paco, Mexico.

Richards, Roland, Portland, Me.; Rios, Tony, Hollywood, Cal.; Rivera, Amerigo, San Antonio, Tex.; Romanelli, Nick, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ruiz, Gallito, Mexico.

Silegas, Leo, Cuba; Simpson, Gerry, Montreal, Canada; Singleton, Bob, Philadelphia, Pa.

Torres, Victor, Puerto Rico; Vasquez Luis, Mexico; Wills, Young, Providence, R. I.; Woods, Willie, Augusta, Ga.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan

Group I

1—Yoshio Shirai, Japan
2—Jake Tuli, South Africa
3—Leo Espinosa, Phillipines
4—Tanny Campo, Phillipines
5—Terry Allen, England
6—Louis Skena, France
7—Charley Bohbot, West Africa
8—Vic Herman, Scotland
9—Emile Delplangue, Belgium
10—Young Martin, Spain
11—Nazzarino Giannelli, Italy
12—Dai Dower, Wales
13—Eric Marsden, England
14—Jimmy Pearce, Scotland
15—Joe Cairney, Scotland

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Class A

Akira, Speedy, Japan; Andre, Pierre, Belgium; Angeles, Larry, Philippine Islands.

Belardinelli, Otello, Italy; Carpenter, Henry, England; Celestini, Bernard, France; Chavez, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.

Diaz, Antonio, Spain; Koch, Willibald, Germany; Lastre, Jesus, Cuba.

Mouginot, Robert, France; Ortega, Johnny, San Jose, Cal.

Raytranco, Kid, Philippine Islands; Robles, Raton, Mexico; Suarez, Oscar, Cuba.

Class B

Alberto, Angeles, Philippine Islands; Andy, Cunning, Philippine Islands.

Boy, Tannery, Philippine Islands; Brown, Little, Philippine Islands; Brown, Willie, Philippine Islands.

Corbett, Tony, South Africa; Cruz, Rene, Philippine Islands.

Dayrit, Ben, Philippine Islands; Dundee, Little, Philippine Islands.

Galauran, Baby, Philippine Islands; Jasse, Andre, France; Kid, Chicharitos, Mexico.

Lopez, Ardilla, Mexico; Danny, Kid, Philippine Islands.

Mendez, Mariano, Spain; Mir, Amado, Cuba; Misako, Hitoshi, Japan.

Perez, Pascual, Argentine; Persson, Kalla, South Africa; Ramirez, Lino, Mexico; Reyes, Orlando, Cuba; Rodriquez, Orlando, Cuba.

Silva, Panchito, Mexico; Ursuwa, Dommy, Philippine Islands; Valdes, Florero, Mexico.

Class C

Alcantara, Rudy, Philippine Islands; Bieson, Gaston, Quebec, Can.

Cabanela, Baby, Philippine Islands; Cencio, Cris, Philippine Islands; Connie, Abbie, Philippine Islands; Cruz, Mario, New Orleans, La.

Dado, Speedy, Jr., Philippine Islands; Del-Campo, Danny, Philippine Islands.

Falco, Tony, New York; Garcia, Flli, Mexico; Garcia, Little, Philippine Islands; Giordano, Lud, Dunnellen, N. J.; Gueverra, Flashy, Philippine Islands.

Jennings, Al, New Orleans, La.; Lara, Jesus, Mexico.

Manalo, Eino, Philippine Islands; Mendoza, Esteban, Mexico; Milhomme, Lucien, Montreal, Can.; Miller, Edgar, Panama.

Mortel, Baby, Philippine Islands; Munoz, Alfredo, Mexico; Munoz, Cheuy, Richmond, Cal.

Ortega, Chabelo, Mexico; Quiros, Baby, Panama; Robinson, Blackie, Philippine Islands; Ross, Baby, Philippine Islands.

Sanchez, Memo, Mexico; Urrutia, Roland, Cuba.

Valdez, Juan, Mexico; Vega, Tommy, Cuba; Zulueta, Tomas, Cuba.

TO OUR READERS

Owing to lack of space due to the extensive coverage of our Annual World Ratings the article on Nat Fleischer's trip to Argentina as a good will ambassador will be carried in the next issue.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

IT was a touch of grim coincidence that, while the Boxing Writers Association was holding its annual get-together in New York to decide on its various awards for 1953, a dispatch out of Boston announced that the dean of the nation's fistic scribes, George Olney (Doc) Almy, 78, had written finis to his long, colorful story in this man's world.

Almy was something more than just a sports writer. He was pretty much an institution not only in Boston, but throughout New England.

There were few, if any, more thoroughly versed authorities in American ring lore and tradition—certainly none where Down East history is concerned—than Almy. Doc was a veritable human encyclopedia on boxing, with an amazingly retentive mind. He could recall incidents out of the musty past as readily, and accurately, as though they had just happened.

Almy's enthusiasm for boxing began as a school kid when he became one of John L. Sullivan's vast army of worshippers. He dogged the Great Man's footsteps at every opportunity, and in later years he and John L. became fast friends.

Almy's newspaper experience started as a printer's devil in 1897, and for the next ten years he picked up a solid background in the Fourth Estate by shifting around the Boston circuit as police reporter, copy editor, general assignment reporter and sports editor. It was in 1907, when he returned to the Post, that he began to concentrate on his favorite subject, boxing. Doc remained with the Post forty-four years, until illness forced his retirement in 1951. During his long, active career, Almy took occasional fliers at managing fighters, and at one time played an important role in Sam Langford's destiny.

A grand old guy, Doc Almy. In whatever special Valhalla may be reserved for newspaper greats, Doc should do all right for himself swapping tales with Bill Naughton, Bob Edgren, Walter St. Denis, Bill McGeehan, Tad Dorgan, Hype Igoe and those other illustrious members of the boxing contingent.

COLORFUL old characters seem to be leaving our midst all too rapidly these days. Another to go was John J. (Jack) Jennings, also 78 when he was counted out in a Jersey City hospital. Jennings was an outstanding figure in a lively era of New Jersey boxing.

When professional leather-tossing passed out of New York with the demise of the Frawley law in November, 1917, the politicos across the Hudson River lost no time taking advantage of the opportunity tossed their way. They rushed through the Hurley law, legalizing the trade in New Jersey, and the Garden State promptly became one of the nation's leading fistic centers, with main operations in Jersey City and Newark, and New York supplying much of the patronage.

Jennings was one of the first promoters to open for business. Jack had an outdoor arena erected at Newark and Oakland avenues, in Jersey City, called it the Oakland A.A., and began operating early in the summer of 1918. With his place accommodating upwards of 5,000 customers, he was in a position to bring in good attractions, and for several years the Oakland was one of the most successful swat parlors in the east. Benny Leonard, Jack Britton, Charley Weinert, Joe Lynch, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Frankie Burns, Willie Jackson, Jeff Smith, Johnny Dundee, Mike Gibbons and Kid Norfolk were only some of the many topliners to strut their stuff in the Oakland ring.

It was there that Johnny Buff, just out of the Navy appeared in a semi-final, turned in a sparkling performance against the veteran Johnny Rosner, and started on his way to the American flyweight and world bantamweight titles.

Gene Tunney fought a couple of times at the Oakland during the early stages of his pro career. If we recall rightly, Gene knocked out Jeff Madden and Ole Anderson there.

When the Walker law returned boxing to New York in 1920, competition began to get rugged for Jersey promoters, but Jennings continued to flourish with the Oakland. It was he who introduced Pancho Villa to American fans, and started the little Filipino on his spectacular drive to the world flyweight title. Villa's first two bouts in this country were at the Oakland. He opened the 1922 season with Abe Goldstein as his opponent, and returned a few weeks later with Frankie Genaro.

As competition from New York became tougher, Jennings concentrated more on local cards, featuring popular homebreds like Irish Johnny Curtin, Petey Mack, Harry Carlton, Bobby Brady and Joey Costa.

With the arrival of the Depression, business fell off badly at the Oakland, and Jennings was further jolted when a bank failure nicked him for most of his capital. He quit promoting in 1934, sold the club, and became active in the field of labor relations. Though no longer identified with boxing, Jack never lost his interest in the sport, and kept in close touch with ring activities until the end.

SHORT JOLTS. . . . Ruby Goldstein certainly hit extremes in two recent refereeing assignments. In one affair he couldn't get the fighters to fight, and in the other he couldn't make 'em stop. After being inflicted in Madison Square Garden with that dreary rendition of "Go Away And Let Us Sleep" by Teddy (Red Top) Davis and George Araujo, Ruby became entangled in one of the roughest, foulest back-alley brawls of the year when Joey Giardello and Tuzo Portuguez started tossing fists, elbows, heads and knees at each other.

It has been said that there's nothing much wrong with boxing in the United States a few good Irish and Jewish attractions couldn't cure. They don't seem to have that problem in Europe. A match coming up in Belfast advertises such solid handles as Kelly and Cohen for the European bantam title. Johnny Kelly, local favorite, and holder of the championship, will meet the French-Algerian, Robert Cohen.

Supposedly washed-up, and picked as a soft touch, Bayonne heavy Charley Norkus scrambled the build-up plans for a couple of gents when he wrecked Bill Daly's Englishman, Ray Wilding, in a Garden semi-final, then journeyed to Cleveland to demolish Al Weill's young Jacksonville hopeful, Hal Boylston, in a preliminary to the Rocky Castellani-Gil Turner affair. Norkus didn't waste much time with either; both were second-round victims.

Hector Constance, Trinidad welterweight, who has been campaigning in England with his countryman and stablemate, Yolande Pompey, is planning an American trip. Among his performances over yonder, Constance has twice beaten the British champion, Wally Thom.

THE month's results:

By a slim margin of one point on the referee's card, Joey Klein, 147, East Side, was voted a split and not too popular decision over Freddie (Babe) Herman, 142, Los Angeles, in a lively, free-punching ten at Eastern Parkway. Showing in a metropolitan ring for the first time, the lighter but shiftier Herman teatured a fast left hook and generally had the better of the long-range milling. The plodding Klein, forcing the action most of the way, was more effective in the infighting. The final count was so close all three officials came up with different tallies. Judge Tony Rossi favored Klein 6-4, Judge Artie Schwartz tabbed Herman 5-4-1, and Referee Barney Felix had the rounds even 5-5, but cast the deciding ballot when he gave Klein a 6-5 edge in points. In sixes, Calvin Davis, 150, Long Island City, won from Paulie Griffin, 150¾, Brooklyn, and Angelo Urgitano, 161, East Side, polished off Johnny Hickson, 161¼, Bronx, at 1:42 of the second. In fours, Bernie Lynn, 143½, Jamaica, outpointed Al Maye, 145¾, West Side; Jimmy Moulton, 136½, Est Side, stopped Francis Nealon, 135, Bronx, at 2:04 of the second, and Howie Turner, 202, Jamaica, was too big for Bill Reynolds, 175½, Paterson, and halted him at 1:14 of the second.

Badly battered in the first, and dropped to one knee in the second, Chico Vejar, 149½, Stamford, Conn., staged a plucky comeback but couldn't quite catch Vince Martinez, 150½, Paterson, in an action-packed ten in Madison Square Garden. By winning, Martinez evened the score for the licking Vejar tossed into him in the same ring eight months before. On leave from his army post at Fort Benning, Ga., Chico was off in timing and stamina, but he didn't stop trying. Recovering from Martinez's early blasts, Vejar crowded Vince the rest of the way, but did a lot of missing and floundering in his attempts to catch the fleet, back-pedaling, counter-punching Patersonian. Tiring from the furious pace, Chico suddenly shifted to southpaw tactics in the sixth, but they proved ineffectual and he changed back to his normal style. Vejar continued to fight doggedly, and had the score almost even going into the last round, but he didn't have enough left for the final drive, and Martinez closed fast enough to cinch the verdict. The large personal followings of the rivals accounted for a fine turnout of 7,317 and a gross gate of $27,267. Switch-hitting Allie Gronik, 149, Detroit, drew with Pete Adams, 151, Newark, in the semi-final eight. In a scheduled six, promising Johnny Busso, 140½, East Side, squared away the only defeat in his pro record and handed Tommy Marciano, 137½, Philadelphia, the first one in his by posting a technical knockout at 2:31 of the fifth. In fours, Eddie Prince, 146½, Poughkeepsie, outpointed Gerald Fraser, 151, Halifax, N. S.; Rudy Watkins, 156½, Baltimore, won from Bill Coleman, 154, Atlantic City, and Carl Kuhlmeier, 194, East Side, drew with Joe Weinbrecht, 190, Brooklyn.

In one of the roughest, foulest brawls seen hereabouts in a long time, Joey Giardello, 160, Philadelphia, did just enough clean punching to take the decision from Tuzo Portuguez, 161, Costa Rica, in a back-alley ten at Eastern Parkway. Butting, elbowing, hitting on breaks, kneeing and low punching featured the wild scramble, and one of Portuguez's handlers was chased out of the corner for climbing onto the ring apron during a particularly violent fourth round. The boisterous action was fairly even at the half-way mark but Giardello came on in the closing sessions to outbox and outslug the Central American. Libby Manzo, 134, Elmhurst, hustled his way to a decision over Walter Brown, 131½, Baltimore, in the semi-final eight. The preliminary card unloaded four quick knockouts, three in the first round, the other at the end of the second. In a scheduled six, Ray Drake, 157½, Far Rockaway, needed only 1:59 of one frame to halt Jackie McGlynn, 150½, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. It was unbeaten Drake's eighth straight win as a pro. In fours, Jerry Amos, 138, Brooklyn, disposed of Danny O'Keefe, 139, Woodside, in 56 seconds; Jimmy Beecham, 154, Philadelphia, eliminated Leo Segar, 149½, Harlem, at 1:59, and Mike Perez, 130, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo over Nathan Sermon, 125, Paterson, N. J., when their affair was stopped at the end of the second.

Combining clever boxing and snappy punching with football rushes and wrestling shenanigans, Dave Gallardo, 129½, Los Angeles, hustled his way to a unanimous decision over Lulu Perez, 126, Brooklyn, in a lively ten in Madison Square Garden. It was only the second defeat for Perez in 29 pro starts, and snapped a winning streak of 23 straight. It also evened accounts for a kayo credited to Lulu over Gallardo in the same ring three months before when ugly gashes over his eyes forced the Californian to retire at the end of the eighth. This time, Gallardo dominated the action all the way. He crowded Perez from the start, and the Brooklynite lacked the answers to Dave's continuous charging, shoving and roughhousing. In the fourth, Gallardo twice pushed-punched Perez through the ropes for mandatory eight counts, but he lacked the power to finish his groggy rival. With Gallardo tiring, Perez staged a strong rally in the final round, but it was too late. Another Californian, highly-touted Kenny Davis, 126½, Los Angeles didn't fare so well in his metropolitan debut. He was soundly trounced by Al Hunter, 130, Harlem, in the semi-final eight. Another eight produced a decision for Johnny DiGilio, 141, Bayonne, over the veteran Billy Murphy, 136¾, Brooklyn. Paulie Griffin, 149¾, Brooklyn, whipped Teddy Antonetti, 147, Puerto Rico, in the opening four. Attendance 3,378; gross gate $9,305.

As a substitute for Paddy DeMarco, who withdrew from the match because of his manager's death, Freddie (Babe) Herman, 139, Los Angeles, more than justified his selection by slugging his way to a knockout over Brian Kelly, 137, Niagara Falls, Ont., at 2:29 of the ninth at Eastern Parkway. For seven rounds it was anybody's fight, but Herman's left hooks finally paid off in the eighth when he hammered Kelly to the canvas for eight and had him reeling dizzily at the bell. Swarming over his opponent in the ninth, the Babe had Kelly down three times (two were official knockdowns, the other was called a slip) and was belting him all over the ring when Referee Mark Conn stepped in and halted the carnage. In the semi-final six, Jimmy Carlini, 148, Philadelphia, punched out a decision over Jimmy Squires, 153, Brooklyn. Bobby Fenty, 134½, Brooklyn, whipped Charley Smith, 137, Newark, in another six. In fours, Johnny Hoye, 210, decisioned a rival Bronxite, Bill Coffey, 201, and Vito Iacabellis, 146½, Long Island City, won from Charles Kelly, 141½, Queens Village.

Gambling without a television deal, the belated reopening of the boxing season at White Plains County Center met with a disappointing response. Only a few scattered customers were present, and even though it was an inexpensive card, it must have been a financial loser. In the main event, listed for eight, Nicola Funari, 138½, Italy, was credited with a knockout when Basil Marie, 137½, Philadelphia, failed to come out for the fifth. Marie claimed he had injured his right leg when he tumbled to the canvas during an exchange in the fourth. (It appeared to be a slip, but the referee called it a knockdown.) The semi-final eight, also billed for eight, was short-lived, Joe Fusco, 153, Stamford, Conn., flattening Bill Coleman, 151, Asbury Park, N. J., at 0:46 of the second. All the prelims, four-rounders, went their full routes. Jack Orlando, 142, Bronx, won from Sammy Marin, 144, East Side; Cliff Hess, 170, Harlem, grabbed the decision from Pete Taro, 167, Brooklyn; Howie Turner, 203, West Side, was too strong for Elijah Edwards, 187, Palataka, Fla., and Joey Erskine, 143, Bronx, had the better of Paddy Flood, 142, Yorkville.

His fragile chin once again proved the undoing of Jimmy Herring, 160½, Ozone Park, who was blasted out by one solid right from Joey Giambra, 158, Buffalo, at 2:25 of the fifth in Madison Square Garden. The punch sent Herring flat on his back. Groggily, he stumbled up just as Referee Ray Miller tolled ten, and protested he had beaten the count, but the verdict stood. Aggressive as usual, Herring was slightly in front until the sudden ending, but he had been staggered a couple of times by the counter-punching Giambra, and it was obvious that sooner or later his weak jaw would be reached by a payoff clout. It was the seventh time Herring had been kayoed in 71 bouts. Another collapsible chin was exposed in the semi-final when Ray Wilding, 197½, England, was demolished by substitute Charley Norkus, 194½, Bayonne, at 2:43 of the second. A lusty right finished Wilding. Frank Gioseffi, 185½, outpointed a rival Bronxite, Joe Malanga, 232, in eight. In fours, Ernie Step, 157½, Brooklyn, was one pace ahead of Cal Lowman, 159¼, Rochester; Iggy Zotto, 148, Brooklyn, decisioned Lou Bombiani, 147½, East Side, and clownish Nur Mohamed, 138, India, slapped out a verdict over Gene Johnson, 135¼, Harlem. Attendance 3,233; gross gate $8,650.

A strong finish carried Paddy DeMarco, 140, Brooklyn, to a close but unanimous decision over Carlos Chavez, 137½, Los Angeles, in a dull, mauling ten at Eastern Parkway. Though fighting nearly fifteen years, and a veteran of more than 100 pro battles—several with world champions—the 31-year-old Chavez was appearing in New York for the first time. The Californian displayed an effective left hook and plenty of ring savvy, but he had trouble finding the right answers to DeMarco's plunging, rough-and-tumble tactics. The milling was fairly even going into the closing rounds, when Chavez tired, and DeMarco went on to cinch the verdict. Billy McNeece, 164½, Central Islip, slam-banged his way to a close verdict over Bobby Moore, 159, Newark, in a free-punching semi-final six. In other sixes, Al Tisi, 123, East Side, outroughed the veteran Charley Titone, 126, Brooklyn, and promising Carmelo-Costa, 133, Brooklyn, returned to action after a layoff of several months to whip Guillermo Roberts, 133½, Cuba. In fours, Ray Dittrick, 156½, Brooklyn, had the better of Julio Gonzales, 161, Puerto Rico, and Henry W. Smith, 140½, Bronx, celebrated his pro debut by decisioning Dave Zimmerman, 140, Washington, D. C.

Despite the disappointing response to its first show the week before, White Plains County Center gave non-TV'd boxing a second try, but another sparse turnout and gob of red ink in its ledgers prompted the promoters' decision to suspend operations for a while. They announced they'd wait until after the Christmas-New Year's holidays before deciding whether to resume or definitely call it quits. In the main eight, Ray Bryan, 174½, Brooklyn, returned to ring action after a 30-months' hitch in the Army, and turned in an upset decision over Herbie Hayes, 167, Elmsford. The lighter but taller Hayes was the better boxer, but couldn't do much with Bryan's aggressive, mauling tactics. It was a generally dull affair, and the only damage suffered by either fighter was a slight cut over Bryan's left eye. In a co-featured eight, Joe Shaw, 160¼, Harlem, outpunched Gil Edwards, 159, Bronx. Bob Provizzi, 153½, Corona, slugged out a decision over Joe Fusco, 151½, Stamford, Conn., in a hard-fought six. In fours, Willie Brown, 131, Bronx, outpointed Junis Felice, 131, Brooklyn, and Braxon Reed, 131¼, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Mike Perez, 130¼, at 1:29 of the second.

OUTSTANDING FIGHTS

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Gerry Aubut beat Gilbert Clave, 6. George Allen drew with Baby Beau Jack, 6. Filberto Osario whipped Jimmy Cooper, 8.

Gerry Simpson kayoed Richard DeVarennes, 5. Larry Boardman trimmed George LaMelza, 6, and repeated in return. George Stepany beat Jerry Kortright, 6. Jimmy Roybal whipped Pete Acquirre, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Robert Cohen became French champion by whipping Maurice Sandeyron, 15. Billy Peacock outpointed Oscar Torres, 10. Torres stopped Tommy Umeda, 6.

European and British Champion Johnny Kelly decisioned Jean Kidy, 10 (non-title). Mexican champion Raton Macias halted Chilean champion Alberto Reyes, 3.

Fernando Gagnon kayoed Yogi Obera, 3, but lost to Don Webber, 10. Otilio Galvan kayoed Manuel Armenteros, 7, and beat Doug Medley, 10.

Pierre Cossmeyns defeated Louis Skena, 10. Jose Cotero lost to featherweight Dave Rollins, 10. Mario D'Agata drew with Andre Valignat, 10.

Cecil Schoonmaker stopped Jimmy Quinn, 8. Robert Alaniz decisioned Celso Hidalgo, 8. Gianni Zuddas beat Jimmy Zale, 8.

Little Cuban Torres upset Felix Gaytan, 10. Raul Solis decisioned Trini Ruiz, 10. Jorge Valverde kayoed Salvador Ruiz, 3.

Orlando Castillo drew with Luis Galvani, 12. Lucio Gonzalez drew with Lino Botello, 10. Tony Rios beat George Jacquet, 6.

Kid Dynamite won from Billy Herbert on disqualification, 7, and stopped Herbert, also in 7, in return. Dynamite also halted Kevin James, 5.

Midget Louis beat Cunning Andy, 6. Kid Ocampo beat Baby Flores, 6.

Memo Diaz beat Baby Lopez, 10. Berto Gonzales defeated Lory Amate, 10.

Marc Cuneo won on a disqualification from Robert Muenier, 10. Muenier drew with Emil Chemama, 10. Sapito Jiminez was stopped by featherweight Felipe Sosa, 4. Young Wills drew with Nick DeVanno, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Tanny Campo outpointed Dommy Ursuwa, 10. Louis Skena lost to bantamweight Pierre Cossemyns, 10.

Young Martin defeated Jesus Rubio, 8. Emile Delpanque kayoed Alex Van Damme, 3, but was stopped by Henk van der Zee, 8.

British Empire Champion Jake Tuli stopped bantamweight David Gogotya, 7. Charley Bohbot kayoed Franco Lombordozzi, 5. Newsboy Brown kayoed Blackie Robinson, 2.

In Johnny Sharpe's column "News of the British Isles" in the January Issue, of the Shirai-Allen fight, it was stated that Allen was off his best form and was unable to overcome the fast jabbing of his opponent. This was incorrect. It was placed in Sharpe's column by error. Allen did a fine job and according to many should have won the verdict.

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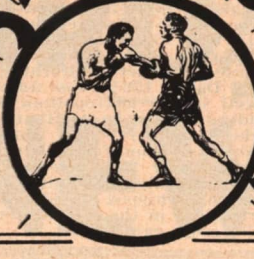


By BILL MILLER

TOTE MARTINEZ, Oakland welter, 140½, flashed good form in defeating the colorful Filipino battler, Tommy Manaois, 137½, in the main event at South Gate Arena. Tote had too much experience for the slender Malay. He was credited with winning seven of the ten rounds.

Though he tried with might and main, Tote was unable to floor Manaois—which is pronounced, by the way, "Ma-now-whiss", with the accent on the second syllable. Anyone want to know how the winner pronounces his name?

In the six-round semi, Sidney Kaples, 146½, decisioned the San Diego sailor, Billy Hartman, 143. The fours: Clyde Wagner, 139½, Frankie Muche's fine youg prospect, scored a 1-round TKO over Henry Dunmore, 138; Satchel Porter, 155½, decisioned Frank Crockett, 157; and Andy Maes, 146, knocked out Jimmy Flynn, 146, in Round One.

Ramon Fuentes, 146½, had no trouble defending his California welterweight title at the Olympic Auditorium; he battered Mario Trigo, 141½, into submission in the eighth round of a scheduled 12.

Trigo was willing, but to snitch and slightly alter an expression of Winston Churchill's, he was "too little and too light". It was Fuentes' third straight win at the big downtown arena. In his other two fights, he duked Danny (Bang Bang) Womber and Art Aragon.

In the 5th, Mario suffered a gash over his left eye. His left-side was blood-red from Ramon's roundhouse lefts, and he'll have some sore ribs for awhile.

The end came in Round 8. A smashing right-hand to the body sent Trigo to the floor; that was the blow that killed papa. The time, 2:48.

Best fight of the night was the six-round semi-final, in which Manuel Renteria, 137½, won the split six-round duke over Armando Muniz, El Paso, 137½. It was action-packed, and the customers gave them a big hand.

The fours: Frankie Cockrell, 141½, decisioned Joey Perez, 140; Emilio Gomez, 128, making his debut as a pro, defeated Willie Castillo, 127½, also starting his punch-for-pay career; Henry Taylor, 171, cooled Chester Broiles, 167, with a left hook in Round One; and Duke Chronister, 143, scored a 4-round TKO over Kid Poly Zepeda, Tiajuana, 144.

Southern California boxing folks heartily applauded the re-appointment of Tony Entenza to the State Athletic Commission. The veteran attorney is known as a square-shooter, a man who served the State well and faithfully on his former appointment.

With Entenza, Everett Sanders and Norman Houston, the Southland is blessed with three fine Commissioners, men who know their business.

New York had its Three Dumb Dukes in the saddle, a quarter of a century ago, when I lived in Manhattan. Southern California calls its Commissioners the Three Wise Men.

In his first three fights at the Olympic Auditorium this year, Art Aragon surely packed 'em; with Billy Graham, the gross was $47,973. in January; with Elmer Beltz, in June, the gross, $41,400; and with Ramon Fuentes, in October, $45,236. That's well over $134,000. Can any non-champ in the country equal that boast?

An attempted "build-up" fell with a dull thud at Hollywood Legion Stadium when the veteran Cecil Schoonmaker was resurrected in an effort to "make" Jimmy Quinn.

Quinn, former All-Navy champ, was 2-1 choice over Cecil. On the basis of what Schoonmaker has done in the past four years, the odds should have been longer.

At one time, this boy Schoonmaker seemed to be going places. In 1948, for instance, he defeated Dado Marino, David Kui Kong Young, Luis Castillo and Star Naven, knocked out Jorge Sanchez and Gon Ladrazo.

For some unaccountable reason, he soured in 1949; had three losses and one draw that year. The next year, 1950, was also disastrous; four defeats, two wins. In 1951, he had five fights, won 1, was knocked out twice, lost one by decision, drew one. And in 1952 he had only one fight, boxed a six-round draw in a Brooklyn prelim.

Against Quinn, however, Cecil suddenly came to life. After a so-so fight for eight rounds, Schoonmaker suddenly exploded with a right to the chin; down went Quinn for eight. A moment later, a left to the head sent Jimmy into the ropes, for a no-count. From then on, it was all Schoonmaker until Referee Abe Roth stopped the fight—TKO, 8 rounds, for Schoonmaker. The weights, Schoonmaker 117, Quinn 119.

Rudy Jordan, 139, southpawed his way to an easy win over Lavert Smith, 140¼, in the companion ten.

Andy Escobar, 137, racked up his 11th straight win by scoring a 4-round TKO over Dave Hernandez, 134, in the semi-windup. The fours: Harvey Taylor, 167, decisioned Teddy Hester, 170; and Baby Sal, 149, duked John Noriega, 148½.

Everett Sanders, one of the most capable and best-informed members of the State Athletic Commission of California, was considerably irked by an A.P. story, datelined Washington, D. C., November 28th, to the effect that Freddie Beshore and Irish Bob Murphy had been retired by the N.B.A. The reason: "for the good of boxing".

"I don't object so much to the retirement of Murphy", said Sanders, "inasmuch as he has been boxing in the East exclusively for the past few years. But Beshore is a California licensee, a resident of El Monte. His retirement is a matter which comes within our purlieu; it is for California to decide, not the N.B.A.

"When we joined the N.B.A.", he went on, "it was with the reservation that California was to retain its sovereignty in matters directly concerning the Golden State. We retained the right of independent review. That was clearly specified.

"As I understand it, Beshore had planned to retire of his own volition following the Bucceroni fight, even though he had won three and boxed one draw in his last six fights."

Another item which drew criticism from Commissioner Sanders was the N.B.A. decree that the 10-point system for scoring fights be placed into effect as of January 1st.

California uses the Australian 11-point system. The method proposed by the N.B.A. allots 10 points to the round; the winner gets 10, the loser anything from one to nine.

"We don't, and won't, go along with that", declared Sanders, with considerable heat. "Our 11-point system has been in effect for many years, longer than any other method. It has been far more satisfactory than the 10-point concoction. We certainly will not change our scoring plan. Why, the N.B.A. didn't even extend the courtesy of requesting our views on the scoring system."

California boxing men definitely prefer the 11-point over the 10-point method.

At Hollywood Legion Stadium, Petey Servin, 161, scored a 10th round knockout over Earl Turner, 32-year old veteran from Richmond, 157½. Referee Reg Gillmore stopped the fight with only a few seconds to go before the final bell.

When George Blake stopped the Schmeling-Stribling heavyweight title bout at Cleveland in Round 15, just seconds before the bell, he was criticized by some of the scribes. Blake's reply: "Gentlemen, I'm a referee, not a timekeeper!"

Gillmore might have said the same thing, for he, too, was criticized. However, in defense of Reggie, it might be pointed out that Turner was no stranger to knockouts—for and against. He had been knocked out 15 times between the years 1941-1952.

Art Hester, 121½, boxed a draw with Candy Lopez, 121½; Sugar Kid Burnett, 157½, decisioned Curtis Cofield, 161; Aaron Tarko, 151, decisioned Joe Cardenas, 157; Bobby Trujillo, 133½, duked Stormy Chambers, 138½; and Ray Greco, 141, outpointed Pete Navarette, 144½.

Billy Peacock, North American bantam champion, 121, won the unanimous verdict over Oscar Torres, Mexico, 122, at South Gate Arena. A crowd of 1500 fans booed the verdict, however; Torres staged a desperate rally in the final round, and evidently the customers thought he was entitled to a draw. Even the TV fans raised Cain about the duke.

However, three competent officials saw it eye-to-eye.

Jimmy Roybal, 129, won the unanimous verdict over Pete Aguirre, 129, in a spirited six-round semi-final. The fours: Tony Rios, 120, decisioned George Jacquet, 118; Epiphanio Martinez, 120½, decisioned Ruben Picazo, 121; and Benny Perez, 144, decisioned Henry Dunmore, 138½.

California's climate seems to agree with debonair Dave Rollins, Detroit featherweight; at the Olympic Auditorium, David, weighing 126, decisioned favored Jose Cotaro, 124¾, in a fast and interesting ten-rounder.

It was Dave's second showing on the Coast, and his second win.

Cotero, who had lost only one of his nine starts this year, entered the ring a 10-7 choice. In two previous fights, both main events, he had decisioned Tommy Umeda and knocked out Jesse Mongia.

The verdict was unanimous with the officials, but not with the customers; many opined that Cotero's heavier wallops entitled him to a draw.

Referee Abe Roth scored it 57-53; Judge Lee Grossman, 56-54; Judge Reg Gillmore, 56½-53½.

Rollins, capably managed by Ed Futch, will have no trouble finding work on the Coast so long as he remains in a winning mood.

Tony Maiorana, chunky Niles (Ohio) featherweight, 126, and the ace of Frankie Muche's growing stable, survived a third-round knockdown to win a split duke over colorful Gil Velarde, 131¼ in the six-round semi.

The fours: Jimmy Ingram, 179, drew with big Bob Sherman, 201; Frankie Cockrell, 144½, decisioned Clyde Wagner, 141; Jimmy Flynn, 144½, decisioned Kid Poly Zepeda, 143; and Aaron Junior (who's now also a Senior) decisioned Willie Escobar, 136.

Tall, dark and debonair Dan Bucceroni, the Philadelphia Flailer, 188½, made his first appearance west of the Mississippi at the Olympic Auditorium a successful one by scoring an 8-round TKO over courageous Freddie Beshore, 194.

It was a "Waddle Yuh Have" Coast-to-Coast telecast, part of the celebration connected with the opening of the huge new Pabst brewery in Los Angeles. Some 5,000 fans paid $17,036 to see the one-sided affair, and many of them skipped dinner in order to do so. The show started at 6:10 p.m., and the main event went on at 7 o'clock.

Beshore, 31-year old veteran, was on his feet when Referee Joe Stone, one of the best arbiters in the country, stopped the fight. In fact, he was on his feet throughout.

The victory gave Bucceroni a total of 28 knockouts in 48 pro fights, even though the kayo was of the technical variety.

Both Bucceroni and Beshore are navy products; both began their careers while wearing bell-bottom trousers. The Philadelphian was 5-1 choice in the betting; he had a big advantage in height and reach, was five years younger.

Important, to Bucceroni, was the fact that this was something of a prevue to his impending title fight with Rocky Marciano which is to be staged here.

Boxing writers at the ringside were not overwhelmed by the Philadelphian's prowess; several opined that Marciano would stop him when and if they met. But you never can tell what'll happen in a heavyweight brawl, so I refuse to get out on a limb, myself.

Howard King, Nevada, 179½, won the six-round decision over Lonnie Malone, 179½, Los Angeles, in the semi-final. The fours: Bob Albright, 209, continued his kayo streak by stopping Joe Hayward, 196, in 48 seconds, Round One; Frank Cockrell, 140, defeated Clyde Wagner, 141½ and Frank Crockett, 150, decisioned Henry Johnson, 145.

A glittering array of ex-champions and cur-

rent ring celebrities was on hand, and introduced in rapid-fire fashion by Jimmy Lennon, the best announcer in the country. Amongst those present: Jimmy McLarnin, Ceferino Garcia, Chalky Wright, Henry Armstrong, Art Aragon, Danny Womber, Dave Gallardo, Billy Peacock, Tommy Harrison and others.

The Pabst people were somewhat perturbed when they saw a ring-full of ringsters, all scheduled to be "interduced" to the fans. They had planned to have the fight begin at 7:09. It seemed impossible.

Announcer Jimmy Lennon was equal to the occasion, as he always is: every man got his introduction, none were slighted, all were applauded. And the fight began at exactly 7:09.

Does anyone bet on wrestling? Well, here in Los Angeles they did on the night of the Bucceroni-Beshore brawl.

There was a funny aftermath to that scrap. Like all Pabst TV shows, it was staged on Wednesday.

Wednesday happens to be wrestling night at the Olympic Auditorium; it has been for the past 28 years.

Cal Eaton, who promotes the rassling as well as boxing at the Olympic, televises his mat shows. Since the boxing show was scheduled to be over by 8:30, Promoter Eaton thought he'd give the boxing fans, as well as mat fans, a break.

He announced that the wrestling show would be free, gratis, for nothin'. All fight fans who desired to see the grapplers were invited to remain in the Auditorium. Wrestling fans who didn't want to bounce $6. for a ringside seat to see the fights were informed that they could come in, free, after 8:30.

At the Olympic Auditorium, as in fight arenas all over the land, there's a contingent which wagers on the outcome of scraps.

There's also a "white" corner and a "black" corner. The announcer tosses a disk, white on one side, black on t'other.

A number of the gamboleers, out of curiosity, decided to remain in the arena to see the wrestlers. To make things interesting, they wagered on corners.

It was funny. Here was Itchky the Pig, who didn't know a wrestler from a hole-in-the-wall, yelling like mad for the guy in his corner; there was Moe the Mamzer yelling for the guy in the opposite corner.

The boys liked it fine, and it appears that Promoter Eaton has discovered a new method of popularizing the grunt'n groaners.

At the Olympic Auditorium, where he's practically unbeatable, Jesse Fuentes, 160, ended the boxing career of Elmer Beltz, 154, in Round 8 of a one-sided contest. It was Jesse's seventh straight win at the big downtown arena.

Incidentally, Jesse's better-known brother, Ramon, is also undefeated at the Olympic, having racked up wins over Danny (Bang Bang) Womber and Art Aragon in his last two fights there.

There was no question about the outcome of the fight after the bell had sounded for Round One; Beltz had nothing but courage. At 154 pounds he seemed hog-fat; he weighed 143 for his last fight at the Olympic, in which he was stopped by Phil Kim in the first round.

No use going into details; Cal Whorton of the Los Angeles *Times* wrote that "Beltz was bouncing like a wino with a hotfoot after the second round". That tells the tale, if you ever saw a wino with a hotfoot—and even if you didn't.

Billy Evans, Pasadena feather, 124, outweighed and also outslugged popular Kildo Martinez, 119½, to win the verdict in the six-round semi.

The fours: Fred Hawkins, 156½, decisioned Kenny Hanson, 157; George Jacquet, 119, duked Reuben Picazo, 120½; Mickey Wilson, 157, was accidentally butted by Jimmy Flynn, 150; result, technical draw, 2; and Satchel Porter, 153, Frank Crowley's willing worker, decisioned Al Williams, 155.

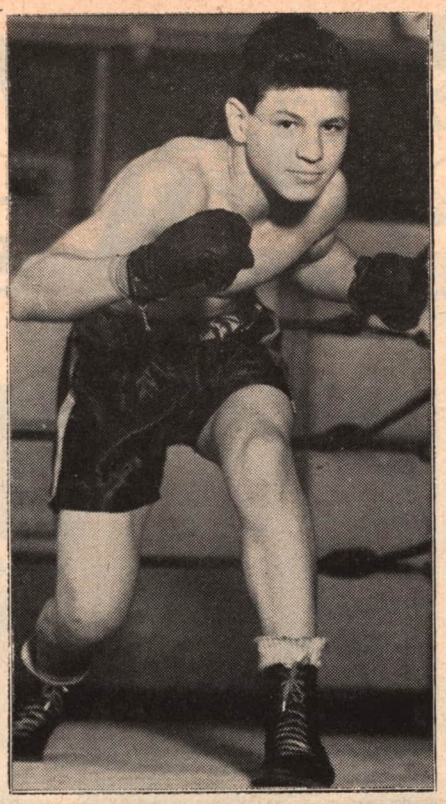
Youthful Gil Cadilli, 127½, took time out from his soldiering duties at Fort Ord to pound out a one-sided win over Fabela Chavez, 128, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

There was talk, immediately after the fight, of having Fabela's license picked up,—which describes better than words his showing against Cadilli.

In the 8-round semi-final, Vic Ponce, 125, caught up with a soft touch named Collier Cox, 123, of Phoenix, midway in the second round; a left hook cooled Collier for keeps.

Petey Olguin, 137½, won the unanimous verdict over Georgie Macias, 139, in the six-round special. The fours: Aaron Yorko, 147, decisioned Joey Cardenas, 155; Ray Greco, 144, TKO 3 over Tony Contreras, 143; and Augie Diaz, 163, decisioned Johnny Hayden, 161.

At South Gate Arena, Esau Ferdinand, San Francisco, former state middleweight champ, was too cagey and crafty for 19-year old Neal Rivers of Buffalo, and won the unanimous verdict in a good action scrap. Ferdinand, 159½; Rivers, 153. It was Rivers' first main event.



Art Aragon, California's "Golden Boy," a welterweight contender who was the Golden State's outstanding fighter for 1953.

Jackie McCoy's Texas terrier, Buddy Evatt, 135, continued his winning ways in the six-round semi by out-slugging Ramon Carrillo, 135, San Diego. Either McCoy has smart pupils, or his pupils have a smart teacher: whatever it is, Jackie's proteges always make impressive showings.

The fours: Epiphanio Martinez, 123, TKO 3 over Paul Williams, 124; Frankie Cockrell, Jack Nolan's club-fighter, stopped Russ Davis, 141, also in Round Three; and in the opener, Frankie Crockett, chunky Texan, 156½, knocked out Willie Stevens, 157, in the second round.

In as bloody a brawl as these old eyes have ever seen in the Olympic Auditorium, Oscar Reyes, the belting beautician of L.A., 150, scored a 7th round TKO over colorful, courageous Vinnie De Carlo, 19-year old Philadelphian, 147.

By the victory, Reyes maintained his undefeated record for 1953. It was Oscar's sixth straight triumph of the year, his fourth by knockout. His exuberant managers, Norman Lockwood and Hank Marquis, immediately hurled challenges at Ramon Fuentes, Art Aragon, Notre Dame, the Los Angeles Rams and Native Dancer.

He's a rippin', rarin', tearin' tiger right now, is Reyes, and his stock has soared skyhigh.

De Carlo, who is related to former world champions Lou Amber and Marty Servo, was defeated but definitely not disgraced. Here's a boy who's assured of a welcome at the Olympic, or any other club in California, any time he wants to fight.

It was Vinnie's fifth fight on the Coast, his first setback. His California score: five fights, three wins—all by knockout—one draw, one defeat.

In the six-round semi, Kirby Seals, former all-Navy champ, 195, won the unanimous duke over big Fred Taylor, 204.

The fours: Tony Reyes, 118½, decisioned George Jacquet, 116; and the fans showered them with silver. Kenny Hanson, 155, duked Satchel Porter, 154; Jimmy Flynn, 145, battled a draw with Pancho Zepeda, 144; and Pete Gonzales, 157, fattened his batting average by a decision over Al Williams, 155.

Irish Bobby Woods, Spokane, 132½, dropped George Berry, Chicago, 135, in the first round of their 10-round battle at South Gate Arena, and maintained the upper hand for the remaining nine rounds to win the unanimous verdict.

Though Bobby is billed as Northwesterner, he's an Angeleno by birth. He's a good right-hand socker; there was no question about the verdict. Referee Charley Randolph scored it 59-51, and Judge Mushy Callahan saw it the same way. Judge Jimmy Wallace tabbed it 60-50.

Gilberto Muniz, 135, was awarded a 5th round technical decision over Frankie Cockrell, 140, in the semi-final. Muniz was accidentally butted in the 5th, but he was ahead on points at the time, so his hand was h'isted.

The fours: Henry Johnson, 144, KO 1 over Andy Maes, 147; Satchel Porter, 154, decisioned Tiger Williams, 148½; Ray Castro, 137, duked Willie Escobar, 137.

Frankie Daniels, 178, was lucky to get a split-decision win over Young Jack Johnson, 202, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Judges Lee Grossman and Jack McDonald voted for Daniels—58½-51½ and 57-53, respectively. Referee Mushy Callahan violently disagreed; he tabbed Johnson, 57-53.

Don Jordan, 138, scored a 5-round TKO over Marvin Smith, 136½ Rudy Martinez, 151, duked Art Brown 155 in another six; the four-rounders: Jackie Spurgeon, 117, decisioned Jackie Herrera, 117½; Bobby McLane, 163, decisioned Bull Halsey, 170; and Marco Polo, 158, TKO (4) over Frankie Haynes, 160.

Golden Boy Art Aragon regained much of his luster, glitter and glamor at the Olympic Auditorium before an enthusiastic crowd of 7500 by scoring a one-sided victory over Danny (Bang Bang) Womber. Gross gate was $20,217.—the smallest Aragon has drawn at the Olympic this year.

It was still a tremendous tribute to the colorful kid from the San Fernando Valley, for both Aragon and Womber were "losers" when they entered the ring. Both had dropped a duke to Ramon Fuentes in recent months.

Let me stay with this commercial aspect 'arf a mo'.

Fuentes, after beating Aragon, met Womber a month ago; Womber was fresh from a win over Wilbur Wilson, which had come over very nicely on TV and had been viewed by many thousand Angelenos.

Well, Fuentes and Womber, both "winners", drew a gross gate of $14,173; Aragon and Womber, both "losers", grossed, as stated above, $20,127. There's magic in the name of Aragon.

There may be better drawing cards in California in the years to come: there certainly haven't been any as good in the years gone by! Imagine: $154,826. gross in FOUR fights, 1953!!!

As to the fight itself, Aragon was a serious-minded, most determined young man, and the crowd like the New Aragon. Art knew it was a case of MUST; he had to win, or else. He landed by far the harder punches, staggered the courageous Womber time and again. Bang-Bang got banged plenty, but miraculously remained upright.

Aragon opened at 2-1, went to 2½-1 at ring-time; he won like a 5-to-1 shot. Certainly he's right back in the picture.

The supporting card was terrific: every fight a corker.

Johnny Novela, 141, racked up his fourth straight since returning from Korea, defeating Frankie Cockrell, 138, in the six-round semi. It was slam-bang all the way; the fans loved it.

The fours: Epifanio Martinez, 120, TKO 2 over Willie Castillo, 126; Joey Perez, 138, technical draw, 4, with Clyde Wagner, 137; Bob Albright, 208, TKO 1 over Bob Sherman, 200; Willie Crawford, 135, TKO 3 over Willie Escobar, 136.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By Hugh Shannon

JOEY GIAMBRA, Buffalo's rising young middleweight star, continues on his way to the top of the 160-pound division. Giambra's latest victory was a December 4th smashing four-round knockout over Jimmy Herring of New York in Madison Square Garden. It was the tenth victory in a row for Buffalo's fast-punching star. Giambra weighed 158 to Herring's 160½.

Here in Buffalo, Promoter Tommy Lippes is looking around for a suitable opponent to how Giambra to the home folks this month. Joey is hot right now and would just about pack our Memorial Auditorium, which seats close to 15,000.

The New York State Athletic Commission has placed Brian Kelly of Niagara Falls, Ontario, on the "ill and unavailable list" for 30 days. Kelly suffered a T.K.O. when he lost to Freddie Herman in New York several weeks ago.

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News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

THIS department has been campaigning for the resumption of the Grunt and Groan business at Madison Square Garden on a regular schedule as in the good old golden era of Jim Londos. Those were the days with Earl Caddock, Strangler Lewis, Lewis Wyckoff, Jim Browning, Dick Shikat, Wladek Zybszko, to mention only a few, who made history in "The House that Tex Built."

In 1952 an experiment was started with a few shows and that was followed by Charley Johnston's even more ambitious program during 1953 in which wrestling started to make a comeback on a big scale in New York's gigantic arena.

All these cards were increasingly successful and as we go into 1954, the new year is more than likely to see wrestling settled back at the old stand as a regular part of the Garden's offerings to its patrons.

An interesting sidelight has been the utter lack of television in the mounting interest in Garden wrestling. No TV, yet the promotions have drawn better than the average boxing show at the Garden.

This doesn't mean that wrestling can get along without TV or that it will. Your reporter believes that video is a part of all sports but once again let it be said that perhaps the means of reaching a happy compromise, would be to have a blackout of bouts for a radius immediately adjacent to that city in which the matches take place and allow the remainder of the country to get an eyeful. This might allow both promoter and wrestlers to share the profits of added income.

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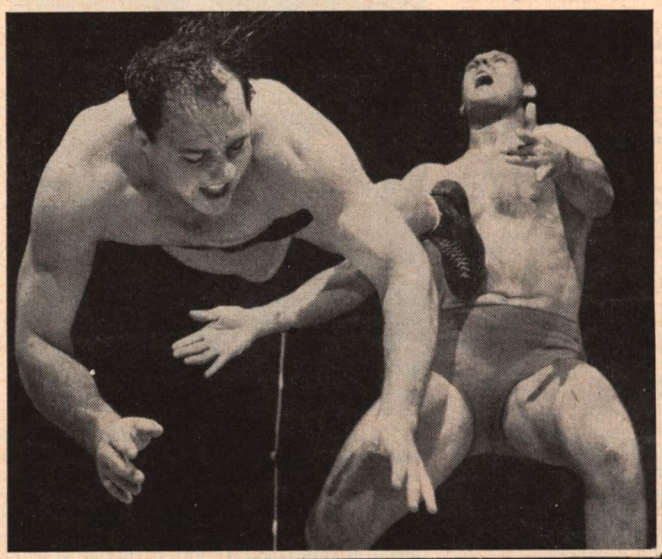
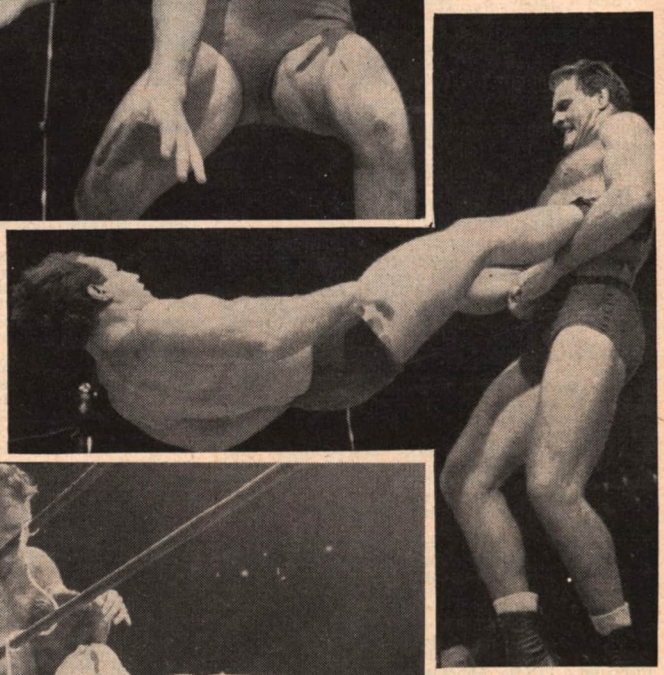
AS we go to press the Garden has played host to the latest outbreak of hostilities among the body tossers with mons Verne Gagne and Wladek (Killer) Kowalski in the major roles.

The show took place on Thanksgiving and among the evening's festivities which saw 7,522 howling fans pay $26,701, was the exhibition of the New York State Commissioner Fighting Bob Christenberry, thoroughly enjoying himself. On one occasion he stood up and shouted, "foul!" Some Turkey.

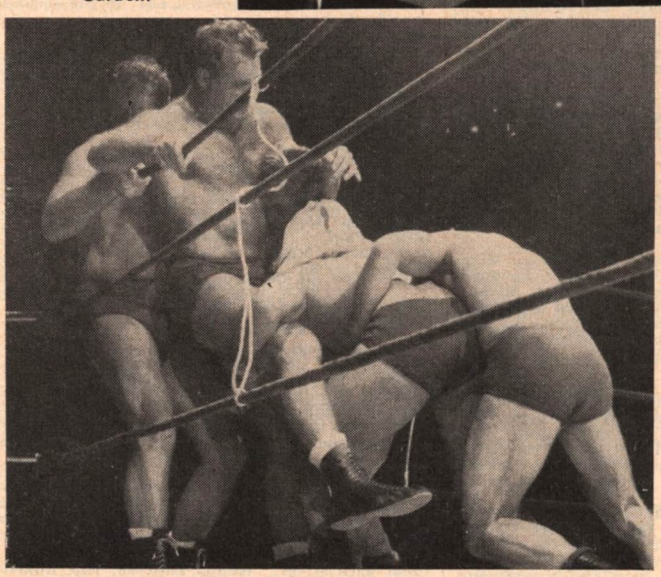
In the feature match Gagne, the 220 ex-Minnesota footballer who won on a disqualification over wrestling's bad man Kowalski, a product of Detroit, who has a nasty maneuver known as a throat stomp. It consists of jump-up in the air and landing on an opponent's wind pipe. Believe me you don't want to put that in your pipe and smoke it.



Verne Gagne in the air applying a drop kick to the midsection of Wladek Kowalski in their bout at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., which was won by Gagne.



Mike Sharpe, of Ontario, Canada has Bill Melby of Camden, New Jersey by the heels during tag team match which went to a 20 minute no-contest decision, at Madison Square Garden.

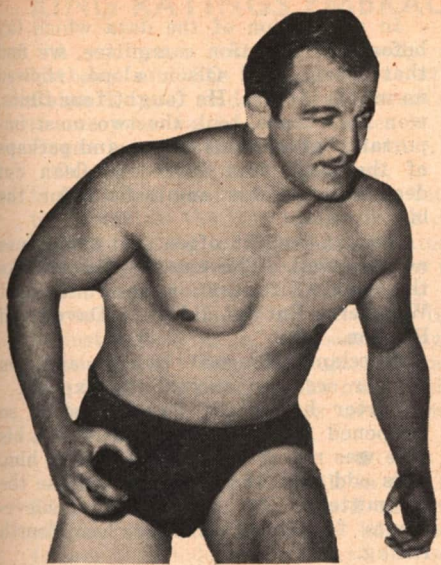


Here's the act that caused the match to be called "NC" The Sharpe brothers, Ben and Mike are in the corner with the two Bills, Melby and Darnell pocketing the referee.

Kowalski had won the first fall with the unique technique mentioned above and Gagne retaliated with a "sleeper hold" to take the second fall. Gagne's "sleeper" is not gentle either. It is also a pain in the neck. In Gagne's own words: "All I do is squeeze the other guy's throat, and it shuts off the flow of blood to the brain."

Kowalski didn't approve of the manner in which his brain had been short-circuited and deviated from the script long enough to clobber Gagne's head against the ropes.

The referee didn't like the way in



Billy Goelz, Fox Lake, Illinois tactician campaigning as a junior heavyweight.

which the "Killer" clobbered and gave the bout to Gagne on a disqualification.

In the prelims Ben, 250 pounder, and Mike Sharpe, 260, leading tag team act billed out of Ontario, Canada, pulled out the stops but only gained a "no-contest" decision against the team of Billy Darnell, 215, of Salt Lake City, and Billy Melby, 215, of Camden, N. J. The fans voiced their opinion in favor of the two Bills.

The 228 pound New Zealander, Pat-O'Connor, flattened Angelo Savoldi, 219, in 9:05 of a scheduled 30 minute limit affair. Baron Jose Gattoni took only 5:16 to pin Jack Steele, 220 pounder, from Springfield, N. J.

June Byers receives a version of the Girls World's championship Belt from James T. Holmes, Chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission.

Ray Thunder of Brooklyn, N. Y., 224, decisioned the veteran Bibber McCoy of Cambridge, Mass., 242, in 20 minutes. Frank Milano, Huntington, L. I., 238, took the measure of Red Ryan, 240, in 12:39.

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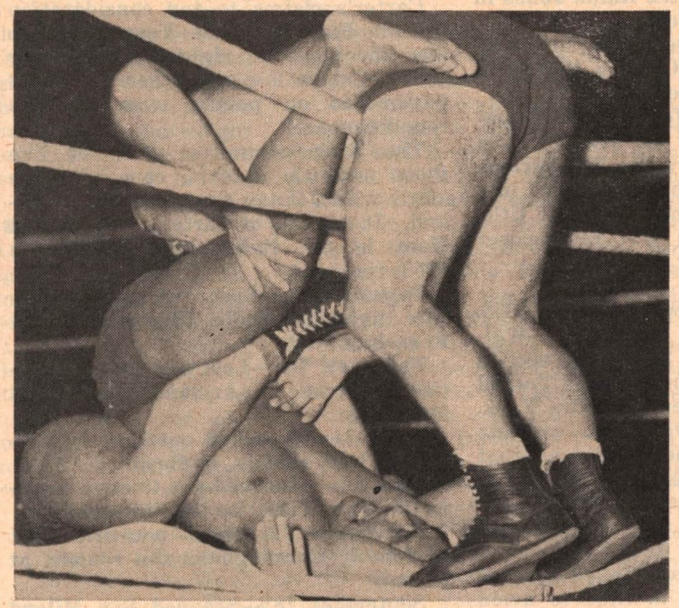
BOTH Gagne and Kowalski have been busy in other rings in recent nights. Gagne is number one boy to get a shot at the title by virtue of his victory over "TV Star" Hans Schmidt at the Boston Arena. Schmidt gained the first fall with a back-breaker in 16:53. Gagne came back to gain two quick falls in 3:55 and 6:03, via his now famous "sleeper" and body press. . . . Pittsburgh, Pa., played host to another Gagne triumph when the Minnesotian defeated the Mighty Atlas in 23 minutes and 40 seconds. Both boys went at it hot and heavy and the bout was ended by the referee when Atlas, considered one of the mat game's strongest men, begged the ref to halt the proceedings.

We almost forgot about "Killer" Kowalski, who received another beating at the hands of Lou Thesz at Milwaukee. The NWA champ put his crown on the line at the Auditorium and with the match one fall up for each, the champ moved around the ring using the ropes attempting to maneuver the fifty-pound heavier Kowalski into a false move. It was nip and tuck with Thesz in bad shape from his previous action. But just as it looked as if the champ might lose his crown, Kowalski made a mistake and before he could escape was pinned by the champ with a body press. . . . Don Leo Jonathan also defeated Kowalski at the Boston Arena. Kowalski was disqualified at 5:30 in the final third fall for unnecessary roughness.



Talk about messes! This all happened at Winnipeg. Joe Pazandak started to help his partner Kinji Shibuya, but Joe failed and was pulled over the ropes. The guy on his back is Shibuya. Bob McCune is lower in the deck with his leg around Shibuya. The ref is counting shoulders. (Photo by George Smook). The team of Pazanoak and Shibuya won.

The past month has been one of more interesting happenings in wrestling than during the preceding 11 months.

Jersey Joe Walcott makes return to ring! The ex-heavyweight champion, acting as a referee, practically settled the question as to who would win in a shooting scrap between a grappler and a boxer. Latest, prior to this night, to attempt to settle the question was Omelio Agramonte in his slugfest with Marvin (Atomis) Mercer. It settled nothing. Jersey Joe was more definite in the conclusions to be drawn.

The scene was the Mechanic Hall at Boston. After counting for the third fall the two contestants, the Zebra Kid and Gypsy Joe Gonzales, didn't like the way the ref had handled things. Zebra Kid atempted to attain immor-

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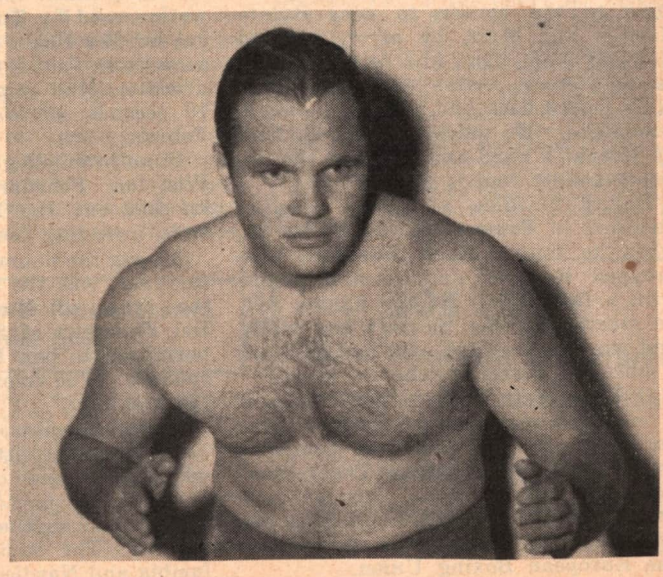

Jim Lewis, another college grappler who is making the grade among the grunt and groan for pay boys. Hailing from Columbus, Ohio, Jim stands 6 feet tall and weighs 215 pounds. (Photo by Bob Utter)

'BOBO' OLSON NAMED FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

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June 10:—Beat Italo Scortichini, in ten rounder at Detroit.

July 15:—Won ten round fight with Ramon Fuentes at Milwaukee.

August 26:—Defeated Ralph Jones in ten rounds in New York.

September 18:—Defended his title successfully against Carmen Basilio in 15 rounds in Syracuse.

November 3:—Defended his championship successfully in fifteen round fight with Johnny Bratton, in Chicago.

Now that Gavilan has blossomed into a contender for the middleweight title, it is hoped that he will give closer attention to training.

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MARCIANO had two fights in 1953. He knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott with a hook in 2 min. 25 sec. in Chicago on May 15, and stopped Roland La Starza in the eleventh in New York.

True, the Rock won both contests with knockouts. True, he did all that might have been expected of him.

But there were shortcomings for which Rocky was not too greatly responsible.

For example, Walcott failed to pick himself off the floor in time to avoid being counted out. But the achievement such as it was, left the customers unthrilled. In fact, the paying guests hollered that they had been hoaxed.

Certainly Marciano could not have lifted Walcott off the canvas before the count of ten. But fight fans around the country were disposed to scratch that fight out of the book.

In the fight with La Starza, Marciano was rather slow in warming to his task, and took overlong to stop Roland. But Marciano did score a knockout, over a game and clever scrapper.

Carter's claims to top consideration for the Fighter of the Year traced to five knockouts in eight fights during 1953. Carter lost the other three engagements on points, over the ten round route.

The Ring committee did not like those non-title defeats, especially the affair with Johnny Cunningham, at Miami. It was one of Carter's lazy nights. Here is the lightweight champion's 1953 record;—

January 12:—Lost ten round non-title fight to Eddie Chavez, at San Francisco.

February 16:—Lost ten round non-title contest to Armand Savoie, at Montreal.

April 24:—Knocked out Tommy Collins in four rounds, in Boston.

June 12:—Knocked out George Araujo, in New York, in the thirteenth.

September 12:—Lost non-title bout to Johnny Cunningham, ten rounds, at Miami.

September 28:—Stopped Ben Miloud in eight rounds at Johnstown, Pa.

October 5:—Knocked out Carlos Chavez in six rounds in Los Angeles.

November 11:—Knocked out Armand Savoie in the first heat at Montreal.

In summation of the data which lay before the selection committee, we find that Olson, and Olson alone, showed no minus factors. He fought four times, won four times, took the two most important fights of his career and perhaps of the year, and scored a clean cut decision over his small field for the big citation.

Gavilan fought often and sometimes not too well. The experts did not like the degree of exertion shown against Womber. But he did ruin Davey and Bratton.

Marciano fought twice, and on neither occasion excited the experts.

Carter had eight fights, and it so happened that the three in which his title was not at stake were lost by him. This odd coincidence did not please the committee. But his overall achievements for the year won him fourth rating.

The Ring Magazine felicitates itself on having so worthy a choice as Carl Bobo Olson for its 1953 award.

IN INDIANA RINGS

By Tony Coppi

JED BLACK of Janesville, Wis. a Michigan State University student easily won over Ike Williams of Trenton, N. J., the aging former lightweight champion trying a comeback as a welterweight. It was the 23d straight victory for Black but his first in a 10-round match. He weighed 142 and Williams 151.

Spider Webb, 159, Chicago, won from Andy (Candy) Anderson, 157, Indianapolis.

Chuck Adkins, Gary, 141, former Olympic champion won over Eddie Bryant, 146 Dayton.

HUMOR, PATHOS, ETC.

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ing he received hynotic treatment. He has been successful, his winning streak showing seven victories without any defeats. In his last bout, after a dose of hypnotism, he knocked out his opponent.

On March 18, at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, Scotland, at the end of the tenth round between British Champion Peter Keenan and former bantam title holder, Stan Rowan, Referee Peter Muir walked over to Keenan's corner to raise his hand, the winner. Rowan also had gone to the corner to congratulate Keenan and Muir, by error, grasped Rowan's right hand and raised it indicating victory. After leaving the ring, Muir looked back and realized he made a mistake. He quickly returned, held up Keenan's hand and reversed the decision amidst rounds of applause.

Danny Nardico scored a peculiar knockout in Tampa, Fla. on March 24, when he fought Nash Karahan. He dropped Karahan in the first round with a light left. As the fighter fell, he started kicking his left leg wildly and was counted out. He had suffered a muscular spasm of "charley horse."

On July 18, in Vienna, Karl Machain, a middleweight, clouted Referee Fraberger on the jaw when he disagreed with the official decision. The referee not only took the count but was out for three minutes and the fighter is out for life. His license was revoked by the European Boxing Union.

Ten days later in Pasco, Washington, Harley Breshers performed the strong man's feat—he scored two knockouts in the same night, the first over Harold Wilson in three rounds and the next over Jimmy Williams in four.

Another double header was performed by Charley Mills, Daytona lightweight. Fighting in Daytona Beach, he knocked out Chris Bradley then took on Harry Anderson but wasn't so fortunate. He lost that one. Both bouts took place the same night at the same club, on August 4th.

The quickest knockouts of the year were scored by Tommy McCarthy who kayoed Ike Beam at Sacramento in 15 seconds on January 29 and Don Foster, a welter, who stopped Tony Aciego in 10 seconds at West Palm Beach on February 6th.

In an intercollegiate bout at Madison, Wis, on February 15th, Ray Zale knocked out Jim Lawrence in 15 seconds, including the ten count.

Among the noteworthy occurrences of the year, was the first mixed match in the State of North Carolina where Del Flanagan of St. Paul, Minn., was permitted to box Eman Peck in a ten rounder. The color line was raised for the first time.

South Carolina, where hitherto no Negro was permitted to box against a white boy, also changed its law by granting permission for Danny Nardico of Tampa, Florida, to box Herman Harris. The bout took place at Columbia and Nardico knocked out Harris in the seventh round.

In New Orleans, where mixed matches are still taboo, the promoters were granted the right to stage contests between Negroes on the same card with boxers of the Caucasian race. This at least is a step in the right direction and might lead eventually to the lifting of the mixed bout ban.

The year will go down in ring history as one in which fewer contests were staged than in any year since 1935.

The knockdown record for the year goes to Peter Keenan of Scotland who floored Frank Williams eleven times in scoring a seven rounds knockout in a British bantamweight title match on January 28. Williams was floored six times in the second round.

Tommy Collins came close to equalling William's score. He was dropped ten times by Jimmy Carter in a world lightweight title bout in Boston on April 24. Collins, who was stopped in the fourth round, went down seven times in the third round.

Lidwig Petri, fighting Herbert Glaeser in Munich, Germany, on January 16, put Glaeser down ten times.

On March 7, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, Garth Panther scored seven knockdowns over Grover Jackson whom he stopped in eight rounds. Frank Johnson, boxing Frank Flannery in Melbourne, Australia, had Flannery on the canvas six times on January 23, and stopped Frank in 10 rounds.

RING RATINGS EMBRACE THE WORLD (*Continued from page* 15)

A youngster who only recently reached his eighteenth birthday and has been the best attraction in the South, Ralph Dupas, made as sensational a climb in his division in one year as did Nino Valdes in the heavyweight class. Dupas is rated third best contender.

Orlando Zulueta of Havana, is another who hit high in the world rankings by gaining fourth place. That quartet comprises the best talent in the division.

Arthur King of Toronto is rated eighth and Armand Savoie of Montreal, is the tenth in the contender's section.

The second division finds Henry Davis of Los Angeles, the top man. He is an excellent lightweight who though he lost almost all of his bouts, fought the toughest in the division and Glen Flanagan, former star featherweight who is now fighting in the next higher class, is our second choice. Seven foreigners are numerically rated in this classification.

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With Sandy Saddler still in the Army, Teddy Red Top Davis has become the world ranking featherweight. He supplants Willie Pep who has been too inactive. The former title holder rates next to Davis, a close runner-up.

Percy Bassett, the N.B.A.'s "Interim Champion," comes next and Baby Ortiz of Mexico; Dave Gallardo of Los Angeles; Roy Ankrah of West Africa; Jean Sneyers of Belgium; Ray Famechon of France and Lulu Perez who recently lost to Gallardo in a tough contest, our tenth man.

Charley Riley of St. Louis heads Group 2 with Bill Bossio of Hartsdale, N. Y., and Puppy Garcia of Cuba next in line. Cuba, Venezuela, France, England South Africa and Mexico have representatives in this group.

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The field of contenders in the bantam class consists of good talent to test the skill of Jimmy Carruthers, the champion. Robert Cohen of France heads the contenders' list though he doesn't want to accept a title bout until later.

Billy Peacock, U. S. Champion rates second best with Pappy Gault, who lost a fifteen rounder to Carruthers recently, on Peacock's heels.

Chamrern Songkitrat, of Thailand, who from all indications will get a shot at the crown, has made remarkable strides and is our choice for fifth world ranking bantam. Another lad who is coming to the front rapidly, is Raton Macias of Mexico, one of the best lads developed in that country in many years. He is next in line.

As in the bantam class, the world's best flyweights are foreigners. Yoshio Shirai of Tokyo, Japan, the world champion, heads the list both as champion and top ranking fighter of the division. Jake Tuli of South Africa; Leo Espinosa of Manila; Tanny Campo of Manila; Terry Allen of England who recently lost a tough one to the title holder and Louis Skena of France top the rest of the field.

Fifteen boys are numerically listed in this division. A newcomer Dai Dower of Wales, ranked twelfth, is likely to be found close to the top before long. He's doing splendidly.

STANDOUT FIGHTS OF '53

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interesting in both of their previous settos, but the night of November 13 he never had a chance once the one-time sugarcane cutter from Camaguey started chopping him down. Still, the memory of the ordeal Bratton went through, will remain fixed in the minds of the viewers rather than the efficiency of the champion.

The Gavilan-Bratton bout attracted tremendous interest, 19,260 people paying $176,390 to see it in person, and the number of TV watchers must have been way up in stratospheric figures.

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Marciano-La Starza for the big crown had its claims to fame. It's been many a day since a fight so lopsided in pre-battle wagering has attracted the kind of trade which moved into the Polo Grounds on September 24 and left $435,817 in the box office.

Mechanically, the fight showed Marciano to be fairly bursting at the seams with endurance, strength, stamina and ruggedness, but for boxing skill, still the same old rough hewn Rocky.

But in spite of this, the fight emphasized that the New Englander is going to be one hard guy to lick and that La Starza, whose progress has suffered through a lack of stern opposition over the years, was a boy on a man's errand.

Top performance by any champion came from Lightweight king Jimmy Carter, who put on one of his own patented title-on-the-line specials, stopping then highly regarded No. 1 challenger Georgie Araujo in the Garden on June 12. Carter's mastery was so complete, there was no room for any kind of a rhubarb after the battle.

On the non-title scene, a couple of non-Americans figured in matches which should have a large bearing on things to come. Don Cockell spanned an ocean and then a continent in winging from London some 6000 miles to far off Seattle, Wash. on the west coast, to engage Harry Matthews, Jack Hurley's fading hope in combat on August 7. The British Empire heavyweight champion, before a gala gathering of Far Westerners, gave British boxing its biggest boost of the year by finishing strongly enough to edge Handsome Harry, a late round knockdown supplying his winning margin.

This bout is gaining in importance as it may turn out to be the hinge upon which hangs the hope of staging a heavy title fight between Marciano and the Briton in London next year.

Cuban Nino Valdes, a ten-to-one shot, figured in the other fight which had repercussions along the fistic front. His startling victory over former heavyweight king Ezzard Charles in Miami on August 11 removed the veteran Ohioan from immediate contention as a Marciano opponent, a development which brought smiles to the face of Manager Al Weill. It has also apparently given the Cuban giant a new outlook on life, and he is looming more and more as a threat to the rock-ribbed and oaken fisted Rocky.

Looking back over the year's doings, it appears that the arguments, charges, squabbles, and wrangling that hovered around most of the outstanding bouts, proved stimulating to the business.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA

By Archie Pirolli

HAROLD JOHNSON'S 50th professional fight was one of his best and the Philadelphia number one light-heavyweight contender scored a unanimous decision over Reading's Chubby Wright in the 10-round feature at Hershey Arena, Hershey, Pa.

George Johnson, 154, Trenton, knocked out Billy Whye, 156½, Philadelphia, of the fifth in the scheduled eight-round semi-windup.

Choo Choo Benson, 152, Philadelphia decisioned Emmett Norris, 159, Harrisburg. Marty Feldman, 152, Philadelphia, was a TKO winner when Adolph, 150, Reading, couldn't answer the bell for the fourth round. Billy Walker, 135, Philadelphia, stopped Leonard Scott, 143½, Reading, in the fourth.

CAMBRIA RESULTS:—Tommy Marciano, 135, Phoenixville, Pa., High School senior, scored his 14th victory, he was held to a draw in his other three professional fights—by gaining a unanimous decision over Portugal's Manuel Batista in eight rounds.

Jimmy Becham, 150½, scored a one round TKO over Tim Kennedy, 150; Bob Singleton, 118, decisioned Benny Bibbs, (4); Singleton, Bartomeo, 138, knocked out Julian Rhodes, 139, in the first; Tony Budwin, 137, decisioned Paul Shea, (4).

Johnny Bernardo, 165, Philadelphia, making his first start since being TKO'd by Gil Turner several months ago at the Arena, came back to TKO Emmy Tucci, Philadelphia, in the fourth round at the Cambria.

Bernardo back two weeks later at the Cambria TKO'd Porky Sanders, 165, Philadelphia in the eighth round.

Roosevelt Coward, 147, Philadelphia, defeated the more experienced Calvin Smith, 139½, Philadelphia, in eight rounds.

Cambria preliminaries:—Frank Logue, 142, decisioned Chico Corsey, (6); Marty Feldman, 159½, knocked out Willie Graper, 156, in three rounds; Bill Abel, 125, TKO'd Bill Heacock, 130, in the third; Joe Stansberry, 130, scored a TKO in the first over Pat McGee, 130.

Jimmy Soo, 134, TKO'd Fishcake Donaldson, 132, in the second; Richie Johnson, 141, and Jake Jasoda, 143¼, fought a four round draw; Bobby Douglas, 137, TKO'd Tom Taylor, 142½, in the third; Charley Cummings, 134½, decisioned Tony Budwin, 137, (4).

Johnn Cooke, 148, decisioned Chico Corsey, 148, (6); Marty Feldman, 161, scored a one round knockout over Willie Mays, 160; Johnny Coleman, 167, TKO'd Tiger White, 161, in the second; Jimmy Cheri, 132, decisioned Leroy Howard, 124, in the fourth.

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OUTSTANDING FIGHTS

FOR a month that usually finds boxing at its dullest, there was plenty of activity in the various divisions during December, particularly in the middleweight, lightweight and featherweight classes. In the heavyweight sector, the veterans held the upper hand, several coming out of their hibernation to show their wares.

There were no outstanding fights, but of those staged, the victory of Yolande Pompey of Trinidad over Jimmy King of the United States whom he stopped in two rounds and that of Rocky Castellani over Gil Turner were the outstanding triumphs. Both the victors strengthened their position as challengers. Though Pompey is a rated light heavyweight, he can make the middleweight class. Both he and Castellani are on the trail of a Turpin fight or one with Olson for the middleweight crown.

Since this issue contains our annual review of world boxing, "The Fighter of the Month" and the "Month's Best Prospects" have been eliminated. Here are the month's leading results:

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles defeated Coley Wallace when the referee halted their fight in the 10th.

Canadian Champion Earl Walls kayoed Bernie Reynolds, 1. Dan Bucceroni stopped Freddy Beshore, 8. Bill Gilliam whipped Colin Chaney, 10.

Bob Baker defeated Charley Williams, 10. Leonard Morrow decisioned Willie Bean, 10. Jack Gardner stopped Uber Bacilieri, 7.

Chubby Wright lost to light heavyweight Harold Johnson, 10. Johnny Williams decisioned Al Bernard, 10. Joe Bygraves stopped Fred Powell, 7. Bo Willis defeated Claude Rolfe, 8.

Hein Ten Hoff stopped Art Henri, 6. Charley Norkus kayoed Ray Wilding, 2, and Hal Boylston, 2. Harold Carter kayoed Ike Thomas, 2, and repeated in 4. Jimmy Walls beat Cesar Bolin, 6.

Leo Johnson defeated Bill Wilson, 10. Frank Gioseffi beat Joe Malanaga, 8. Bob Albright kayoed Joe Hayward, 1, and Bob Sherman, 1. Werner Wiegand kayoed Hannes Scherbaum, 3.

Ben Skelton whipped Joey Mason, 6. Jim O'Hara kayoed Joe Thomas, 3. Gene Brixon whipped Dave Roy, 8. Mike DeJohn defeated Norvel Gaddes, 6. Al Chapman defeated Frank Cowan, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Yolande Pompey kayoed Jimmy King, 2. Harold Johnson outpointed Chubby Wright, 10. Charles Colin became new French champion by stopping Jo Roude, 11, for vacant title.

Jimmy Slade stopped Herman Harris, 4, and Rocky Jones, 9. Win Snoek beat Hans Sachs, 10, but lost to Brian Anders on disqualification, 6. Charley Anglee kayoed Harry Mino, 6.

Doug Harper won the Canadian crown by defeating Yvon Durelle, 12. Charley Colin whipped Winnfried Henne, 10. Alvin Williams decisioned Joe Moran, 12.

Bob Amos stopped Wes Bascom, 3. Don Grant stopped Bill Lanza, 4. Mel Brown kayoed Prospber Beck, 7.

Howard King beat Lonnie Malone, 6. Harvey Fallon whipped Earl Keel, 10. European Champion Jacques Hairabedian whipped Fati Turec, 10.

Bob Murphy was stopped by Baby Williams, 6. Vic Phayer edged out Joe Rood, 6. Ray Bryan upset Herbie Hayes, 8.

Lou Campanelli kayoed Gordon Ifel, 2, and Bill O'Connor, 1. Freddy Miller decisioned Joe Aguilar, 6. Jimmy DeLeon beat Billy LeBlanc, 6. Tommy Thompson stopped Chuck Taylor, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rocky Castellani continued his upward push by outpointing Gil Turner, in 10 rounds. Joey Giardello outslugged Tuzo Portuguez, 10, and Portuguez was stopped by Willie Troy in 4.

Joey Giambra kayoed Jimmy Herring, 4. Jimmy King was kayoed by light heavyweight Yolande Pompey, 2. Garth Panter kayoed Grover Jackson, 4, and whipped Norman Hayes, 10.

Pierre Langlois defeated Jesse Turner, 10. Eduaro Lausse kayoed Miguel Luchessi, 3, and Humberto Loayza, 3. Willie Troy halted Charlie Williams, 8.

Holly Mims whipped Jimmy Welch, 10, and Sammy Walker, 10. Bobby Dykes kayoed Tino Longonia, 9. Joe Rindone halted Joey De John, 2.

Moses Ward defeated Jackie Wilson, 10. Wilson beat Jimmy Wilkins, 6. Al Mobley drew with Franz Suzina, 10. Baby Williams halted Bob Murphy, 6, but lost to Mickey Laurent, 10. Joe Taylor edged out Johnny Noel, 8.

Wes Echols outclassed Russ Gilliam, 10. Petey Servin stopped Earl Turner, 10. Georgie Johnson kayoed Billy Whye, 5. Joe Shaw beat Gil Edwards, 8.

Les Allen whipped Kit Pompey, 8, and stopped Wally Beckett, 5. Kid Azteca kayoed Salvador Davila, 4. Jesse Fuentes stopped Elmer Beltz, 8. Italo Scortishini beat Willie Pastrano, 10.

Esau Ferdinand whipped Neal Rivers, 10. Joe Grimard stopped Charlie Goulart, 4, and beat Charlie Babcock, 10. Jimmy Morris and Andy Mayfield, drew, 8. Pet Gil beat Benny Evans, 10.

Eddie Andrews whipped Dave Grant, 6. Freddy Mans kayoed Dick Cannaday, 6. Eddie Sims whipped Chuck Coleman, 8.

Andre Tessier stopped Jetson Arnold, 5. Billy McNeece beat Bobby Moore, 6. Tobe Harris defeated Roberto Martinez, 6. Eddie Smith beat Jimmy Palmer, 6.

Felix Benson beat Emmet Norris, 6. Johnny Bernardo kayoed Porky Sanders, 8. Billy Pinkus whipped Dick Newell, 6. Kid Burnett decisioned Curtis Coffield, 6.

Rinzi Nocero beat Sanford Bulla, 6. Nenos Solomon drew with Ray Young, 8. Jose Contreras beat Billy Brown, 6. Brown also lost to Bob Bolton, 6. Don Johnson stopped Ace Chocolate, 9, and repeated previous decision over welterweight Pran Mikus, 12. Willie Gray beat Don Lambart, 6.

New Zealand Champion Tommy Rudolph outpointed Ross Sadler, 10. Ray Drake kayoed Jacky McGlynn, 4. Eddie Springer kayoed Tommy Hatcher, 2, and beat Jose Fuentes, 8.

Willie Williams beat Emmett Gurney, 6. Johnny Eubanks decisioned Jim Elby, 6. Vern Stevenson defeated Charlie Chase, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Carmen Basilio kayoed Johnny Cunningham, 4. Art Aragon whipped Danny Womber, 10.

Vince Martinez beat Chico Vejar, 10. Carmine Fiore kayoed Phil Kim, 9. Ramon Fuentes halted Mario Trigo, 8. Chico Varona stopped Bobby Lloyd, 10.

Johnny Saxton kayoed Herman McCray, 3. Australian Champion George Barnes halted Tommy Burns, 11.

Mexican titleholder El Conscripto retained his crown by defeating Julio Cesar Jiminez, 12. Joey Klein edged out Freddy Herman, 10.

Frankie Fernandez won a technical decision over Joey Fisher, 5. Livio Minelli outscored Billy Andy, 10. Jed Black outscored Norman Webb, 10. Pete Adams drew with Allie Gronik, 8.

Jetson Arnold beat Bobby Rosado, 6. Hector Constance whipped British Champion Wally Thom, 10. Claude Fortin whipped Rocky Brisebois, 10, and Dave Grant, 6, but lost to Larry Baker, 10.

Oscar Acefe beat Edgardo Barra, 10, (twice). Pierre Hernandez upended Emerson Butcher, 10. Pat Lowry kayoed Ralph Alvarez, 6. Johnny DiGilio whipped Billy Murphy, 8. Willie Coleman beat Wes Lowry, 6.

Bobby Elliott stopped Baby Joe Diaz, 5. Felipe Fuentes whipped Rafael Hadad, 10. Barry Allison beat Danny Taylor, 6, and stopped Johnny Bowman, 5.

Terry Ratcliffe won from George Happe on disqualification, 2. Terry Ryan defeated Busty Gallant, 10. Bernie Newcombe drew with Laurie Davies, 8. Rocky Fusco beat Johnny Bowman, 6.

Harold Lyons stopped Tommy Matthews, 8. Willie Johnson beat Gordon Perry, 6. Perry defeated Charley Scott, 6. Calvin Davis defeated Paulie Griffin, 6.

Frankie Skidmore kayoed Boston Wilson, 7. Roosevelt Coward beat Calvin Smith, 8. Wilbur Wilson stopped Tommy Varsos, 3.

Otho Sligar halted Paul Valdes, 5. Jimmy Carlini beat Jimmy Squires, 6. Don Southern drew with Gene LeBlanc, 6.

Jimmy Perrault defeated Jentrice O'Neil, 5. Johnny Cooke defeated Chico Coursey, 6. Tony Percy beat Willie Green, 6. Rocky Sullivan stopped Jerry Zullo, 3.

Frank Logue beat Lou Witherspoon, 8. Dick Wong beat Eddie Williams, 6. Williams beat Emil Barao, 10.

Jimmy Peters beat Jimmy DeForest, 6. Graham Moffatt flattened Doug Thorpe, 7. Young Regan trounced Ric Padernal, 12. Jerry Fraser defeated Jackie Headon, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Eddie Chavez outpointed Arthur King, 10. Jacques Herbillon kayoed Gerhard Muller, 2, and beat Albert Muller, 10. Paddy DeMarco defeated Carlos Chavez, 10.

Auguste Caulet defeated Hoacine Khalfi, 10. Francis Bonnardel, 10. Cisco Andrade whipped Ralph Cervantes, 10. Pedro Biesca beat Enrique Gomez, 10.

Rudy DeHoyos beat Aurelio Cruz, 10. Memo Valero stopped Joel Gutierrez, 5. Sauveur Chiocca beat Charlie Slaughter, 10.

Lesar Saavedra kayoed Enrique Estrada, 6, and beat Roy Hernandez, 10. Freddy Herman stopped Brian Kelly, 9, and lost to welterweight Joey Klein, 10. Alfonzo Flores beat Arturo Lopez, 10.

Santiago Esteban stopped Doug Kirby, 6. Lalo Gallardo defeated Marcelino Pena, 10. Tote Martinez defeated Tommy Manaois, 10. Tommy Tibbs kayoed Sammy Fortuno, 2, and beat Filberto Osario, 10.

Italian Champion Duilio Loi outpointed Sandy Manuel, 10. Pedro Pina kayoed Rafael Vazquez, 3. Bobby Whye won from Larry Cantiberos, in 5.

Nicola Funari stopped Basil Marie, 4. Ludwig Lightburn beat Baby Gonzales, 10. Johnny Busso stopped Tommy Marciano, 5. Libby Manzo defeated Walter Brown, 8.

Kenny Lane beat Ron Stribling, 8. Felix Redondo beat Earl Dennis, 8. Raul Esqueda stopped Gorilon Ortiz, 8.

Sonny Luciano lost to featherweight Willie Pep, 10. Johnny Butterworth stopped Tommy Bailey, 10. Don Jordan beat LaVert Smith, 10.

Sammy Fortuno beat Claude Richard, 6. Americo Agostini stopped Alfredo Flores, 12. Bobby Fenty beat Charley Smith, 6.

George Monroe beat Jacques Julien, 10, and Tommy Tibbs, 10. Buddy Evatt beat Ramon Carillo, 6. Steve Takano beat Abel Donnell, 6. Manuel Munoz kayoed Indio Garcia, 3.

Rocky Randell beat Johnny Pape, 6. Al Marotti defeated Jackie Hayden, 10. Jimmy Soo kayoed Johnny Donaldson, 2, and Jimmy Bryant, 3.

Jose Galicia beat Jesse DeHoyos, 10, and Jose Paredes, 10. Lorenzo Garcia halted George Easterling, 3. Bobby Bickle beat Clinton McDade, 10, and kayoed Jimmy Pitt, 5.

Pat Mullane kayoed Jimmy Ithiam, 6, and Johnny O'Brien, 5. Manuel Renteria beat Armando Muniz, 6. Pete Ridgway beat Frankie Leach, 6 (twice). Rocky Leone beat Arthur Davis, 6, and Al Smith, 6.

Tommy Flores halted Carmen Venuto, 3. Don Cheatum beat Charley Drexler, 6. Andy Escobar kayoed Dave Hernandez, 1.

Claude Richard beat Bobby DuFour, 6. Enrique Esqueda stopped Floro Hita, 2. Benny Meeks kayoed Gene LeBlanc, 5. Paul Jorgeson beat Loronzo Garcia, 8. Marvin Dick beat Syl Temple, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Interim World Champion Percy Bassett, fighting as a lightweight, whipped Louis Carrara, 10.

French Champion Ray Grassi stopped Denny Dawson, 5, but was fatally injured. He collapsed in ninth round of title bout with Mohamed Chickaoui.

Willie Pep outpointed lightweight Sonny Luciano, 10; kayoed Billy Lima, 2, and whipped Davey Allen, 10.

Orlando Echevarria whipped Armando Lopez, then stopped him in 6. Puppy Garcia kayoed Tito Valles, 4. Jose Bruno defeated Mario Lopiano, 12.

European Champion Jean Sneyers whipped Amleto Falcinelli, 10. Ray Famechon repeated previous decision over Jean Labalette, 10, and also beat Morlay Kamara, 10.

Italian Champion Altidoro Polidori retained title by beating Nello Barbadoro, 12. Gil Cadilli defeated Fabela Chavez, 10.

Al Cruz won from Rudy Garcia, 10. Al Hunter scored over Kenny Davis, 8. Gene Smith kayoed Merrill Olmstead, 6.

Trevor King kayoed Panama Flash, 7, and did the same to Johnny Wheeler. Al Tisti outroughed Charley Titone, 6. Bobby Courchesne polished off Sonny Bishop, 3, and Don Amarosa, 2.

Salvadore Mares beat Angel Alamda, 12. Candy Lopez drew with Artie Hesterm, 6. Felipe Sosa stopped Sapito Jiminez, 4. Teddy Maubar drew with Young Dory, 8.

Nate Brooks kayoed Dick Cassady, 3. Kid Campeche beat Tacho Martinez, 10. Ray Angelo outscored Tenejeros Boy, 10.

Dave Rollins won from Jose Cotero, 10. Laurie McShane was outpointed by Cliff Giles, 8, and stopped by Charley Tucker, 1. Billy Evans defeated Kildo Martinez, 6.

Tony Mairona whipped Gil Velarde, 6. Arthur Davis halted Billy Sheridan, 4. Zurdo Carrillo won from Pepe Montes, 10. Vic Ponce kayoed Collier Cox, 2.

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WORLD BOXING NORMAL

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Among the established favorites of Sunny It' who continued to do well were middleweight Alessandro D'Ottavio, lightweight Duilio Loi, featherweight Altidoro Polidori and bantamweights Mario D'Agata and Gianni Zuddas. The fine comeback of middleweight Tiberio Mitri rated among the year's most interesting events.

While Rome and Milan were the leading centers of Italian activity, business also was reported brisk in Florence, Naples, LaSpezia, Turin, Arezzo, Bologna, Bari, Trieste and Forli, as well as in the Sardinian communities of Cagliari and Sassari.

Spain was another industrious land during the year. Like Italy, it didn't have many top performers, but veterans and youngsters cooperated in keeping action moving and interest high. Though well beyond his peak, 32-year-old featherweight Luis Romero continued to be one of the nation's busiest performers, along with such other seasoned campaigners as lightweight Augustin Argote, featherweight Manolo Garcia and flyweight Young Martin. Quite a few likely Spanish youngsters began to attract attention during the year. One of the best was featherweight Bobby Ros. Madrid and Barcelona promoted regularly, and occasional cards were staged in Valencia, San Sebastian and Majorca.

In neighboring Portugal, a few shows were offered in Lisbon, and the promoters seemed reasonably satisfied with results, but the main problem was a shortage in local talent. Light-heavyweight Julio Neves and welterweight Raphael DaSylva were the best of the modest supply.

With heavyweight Werner Weigand and light-heavyweight Jean (Jeng) Serres as its chief attractions, Luxembourg staged several cards that drew fairly well during the year, and Switzerland, despite the lack of an outstanding local favorite, reported "business as usual" with its regular allotment of dates in Geneva and Zurich.

AN increase in boxing popularity in Istanbul was attributed mainly to the rise of a young Turkish welterweight, Garbis Zakaryan.

Leather-tossing continued to be popular in the North African lands of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis, but fights for the most part were local affairs, with few developments of major importance. Three of the best North Africans, lightweights Lahouari Godih and Hoacine Khalfi, and featherweight Mohamed Chickaoui, did most of their fighting in Europe.

It has been said that nothing springs more eternal than the optimism of a confirmed fight fan. It was a discouraging jolt to South Africans when their Vic Toweel failed to regain the world bantamweight title, but they recovered quickly enough and became excited over a set of up-and-coming youngsters—middleweight Jimmy Elliott, welterweight Eddie Thomas, lightweight Tony Habib and the latest member of the prolific Toweel clan to gamble with the uncertainties of the profession prize ring, bantam Willie. All four lads had fine records for the year, though Elliott's promising career was suddenly halted, temporarily if not permanently, by a serious eye injury. Johannesburg continued to be the leading center of South African ring doings, but there was a noticeable increase in activity in Cape Town and Durban.

THE outstanding event in Australia was the first world title bout staged there in forty-five years—since the Jack Johnson-Tommy Burns heavyweight episode in 1908. Fighting for the first time in his home land as bantamweight champion, Jimmy Carruthers retained his laurels by whipping the American, Pappy Gault, in Melbourne. The bout drew the largest crowd in Australian boxing history, but the receipts, because of the lower price scale, fell short of matching the all-time high set by Johnson and Burns.

Aside from the Carruthers-Gault promotion, the most noteworthy development on the island continent was the spectacular rise of Pat Ford, who blasted his way to what Australian authorities recognized as the British Empire lightweight title. Despite his rapid climb, Ford still was a comparative youngster, with much to learn, and the stunning knockout tossed into him by the visiting Spaniard, Augustin Argote—a ringwise campaigner and dangerous puncher — demonstrated Pat's lack of big-time experience.

There was little else to enthuse the Aussies during the year. With the one exception of welterweight George Barnes, a good fighter, there were no homebreds deserving of rating above the status of ordinary, and the generally poor crop of local entries was reflected in the disappointing box-office returns at Sydney, Melboure, Brisbane, Newcastle and the other normally thriving centers of fistic activity.

It has often been said that there's never much wrong with boxing one or two exciting fighters couldn't cure, and this apparently was confirmed in New Zealand, where two youngsters—a local welterweight, Barry Brown, and a visiting heavyweight, Kitione Lave of Tonga—were mainly responsible for a lively boom. The action wasn't confined to any one particular spot. It was scattered throughout New Zealand, with Auckland, Wellington, Petone, Hastings and Bob Fitzsimmons' old home town, Timaru, all coming in for their shares.

ACTIVITY in Japan was highlighted by a couple of successful defenses of the world flyweight title by Champion Yoshio Shirai, who decisioned Tanny Campo of the Philippines and Terry Allen of England. In a non-title affair, however, Shirai was the victim of a stunning surprise when Filipino Leo Espinosa battered him into a knockout.

Boxing continued to hold its popularity in Japan. More than a hundred clubs, big and small, operated throughout Nippon, with the main ones in Tokyo, Osaka and Yokahama. Next to Shirai, probably the best of the many native scrappers were bantamweight Horishi Horiguchi, featherweight Kiyoaki Nakanish, lightweight Nasai Akiyama and welterweight Hachiro Tatsumi.

Leather-pushing had another fine year in Thailand, where the nation's leading attraction, bantamweight Chamrern Songkitrat, drew several sellout crowds to the big Stadium in Bangkok. Chamrern's most notable accomplishments were victories in international competition with Masai Akiyama of Japan, Vic Herman of Scotland and Jimmy Pearce of England.

Boxing continued to flourish in the Philippines, with shows staged regularly not only in Manila, but in Caloocan, Makati, Cebu, Davao and other populous precincts. Besides Tanny Campo and Leo Espinosa, the Filipinos had a popular crowd of homebreds, among them flyweights Angelo Alberto, Danny Kid and Benny Cruz, bantamweight Baby Brown, featherweights Benny Escobar, Flash Elorde, Larry Bataan and Tommy Romulo lightweights Tommy Lerma, Speedy Cabanella and Bonnie Espinosa, and welterweight Star Matnog.

The bustling port of Singapore also had a lively year in boxing. It did so well, in fact, that promoters were encouraged to import such outstanding performers as Yolande Pompey and Alex Buxton all the way from England.

Indonesia was another land heard from during 1953. In an effort to get boxing off to a good start there, promoters brought in a team of Europeans to meet local talent, Filipinos and Malayans. By way of adding a big-time touch to the venture, former world heavyweight champion Max Schmeling was brought along to referee several shows.

These last twelve months may not have been particularly noteworthy for major developments in the international sock market, but one fact definitely stood out—boxing still was the world's No. 1 sport, and there seemed little likelihood that anything else in the athletic realm would replace it for some little time to come, if ever.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By Billy Colbert

Billy Pinkus, Winnipeg middleweight, won a split decision over Dic Newell, Minneapolis middleweight in the six round main event at the St. Paul Auditorium. Newell scored the only knockdown of the fight in the first round. They will be rematched for the next show. Newell weighed 151. Pinkus, 155.

Jim O Hara, St. Paul, knocked out Joe Thomas, St. Paul, 186, in the third round. Jim Perrault, Duluth, 147, decisioned Jentrice O'Neill, St. Paul, 146, in six rounds. Stan Lassen, 183, Stillwater, knocked out Roger Little, St. Paul, 3 rounds. Little weighed 186.

Don Kenniw, 190, Faribault, won by a tko over Joe Risko, St. Paul, 178, in the first round.

Emmett Weller, St. Paul, is the manager of Jimmy Perault, Duluth, welterweight and has him coming along nicely. He has won all his fights of late.

NEWS FROM THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

FORMER featherweight champion Willie Pep stopped off in Charlotte, N. C., and lazily boxed his way to a ten round decision over Sonny Luciano, of Paterson, N. J. Pep, out of Hartford, Conn., at 130, spotted Sonny nine pounds.

Al (Kid) McCoy, 148, Macon, Ga., kayoed Charlie Furgeson, 146, of Charlotte, in the seventh round of the semi-final. Claude Chapman, 172, Charlotte, defeated Ray Clarke, 169, Durham, six; Snooks Howard, 145, Charlotte, stopped Billy Vernon, 145, Gastonia, four, and Cooter Parker halted Juluis Washington in the second. Ths show, promoted by the American Legion and Cecil Harris, drew over $4,000.

Leo Johnson, 187, Charlotte, scored an upset win as he defeated Big Bill Wilson, 225, Aiken, S. C., in the feature ten round bout at Gastonia. It was the first mixed match ever held in Gastonia. In an action-filled semi, Benny Deaton, 156, Durham kayoed Bobby Robinson, 151, Charlotte, in 1:30 of the second round. Bobby Lee Headden, 122, beat Glen Ivey, 126, six. Both boys hail from Charlotte. Billy Short, 124, Charlotte, decisioned Maurice Treadway, 123, Gastonia, six.

I would like the promoters from North and South Carolina, to please send me the results of their shows by the second of each month. It will be a big help to the RING and themselves if they will do this. My address, 1410 Euclid St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

DATES of the 20th annual Sioux City Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament have been set as February 10, 11, 12 and 13. For the fourth consecutive year it will be held in the spacious Sioux City Municipal Auditorium and, as usual, the event will be under the sponsorship of the Sioux City Journal-Tribune, Charities, Inc., with all proceeds going into that organization's charity fund. Already the tournament management is in contact with the various districts where sectional tournaments are being held.

Interest in the annual tourney is high with a team from Sioux Falls, S. D., under the direction of Maj. Donald R. Clancy of the 175th Interceptor Squadron entering; Bill Ryberg, at Mitchell, So. Dak., has 20 fighters working out. The American Legion post at Rapid City will also have a team on hand.

CALGARY FIGHT NEWS
By Sugar Ray Edwards
Herald Sports Reporter

CALGARY fight promoter Ernie Farr, went "boom boom", at Victoria Pavilion, when Calgary's light heavyweight, Doug Harper clamped down on Yvon Durrelle of Base St. Anne, New Brunswick, the Canadian light heavyweight champion, and captured the light heavyweight honors by winning the Canadian title.

Doug Harper is the first Western Canadian and Calgarian to ever hold a Canadian championship. A crowd of more than 2,000 was on hand to sanction the fight.

The semi-windup of the card saw Steve Lang, 156, Calgary, win a split decision from Ray Dillion, 158, Edmonton. Jerry Olmar, 134, Edmonton, lost to Emil Flamond, 130, Calgary. Floyd Hayes, 136, Calgary lost unpopular split decision to Frankie Kuhen, 138, Calgary.

We congratulate promoter Ernie Farr and manager Cert Davies for a job well done for the month.

FISTIC HEADLINES IN MICHIGAN
By Jack Waina

DUE to the importance of several coming contests, I have postponed my yearly ratings from this state until next month, in fairness to all parties concerned.

There was no justice for Chuck Davey, of Detroit, in his rematch with Al Andrews, of Superior, Wisconsin, at the Olympic Stadium in a ten rounder for the International Boxing Club. Davey was acclaimed unanimous victor by the many boxing writers covering the bout, but the two judges Bill Appleton and Joe Lenahan favored Andrews by 52-48 and 51-49 respectively. Referee Morrie Sherman called the contest in favor of Davey 51-49.

Durable Moses Ward, 160, Detroit, continued his upward surge when he scored a TKO over Lou King, 155½, Chicago, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the seventh of the semi-final.

Eddie Smith, 160, Detroit, made his first local start since returning from the army and looked impressive in battering out a good six round win over Bobby Reid, 160½, Detroit. Chuck Adkins, 139, Gary, stopped Jimmy Sparks, 138, Detroit, in two, and Young Chico, 147, Detroit, outpunched Joe Martino, 147, Beaver Falls, Pa., in four.

An evening of knockdowns gained the spotlight at the Motor City Arena, when six of the eight participants hit the canvas during the night's festivities and not a bout lasted the full distance. In one match, Noel Reid, 232, Detroit, and Bill Johnson, 207, Grand Rapids, slammed each other to the deck in the opening round. Reid was awarded a TKO by the third man in the ring.

Eddie Simms, Chicago, 160, had Chuck Coleman, 161, Detroit, on the canvas, but when he got overanxious, a wild right caught him coming in and soon it was over at 2:21 of the second. Having been down three times in two rounds, Henry Budniewski, 159, Buffalo, failed to answer the bell for the third against Tommy Leedle, 158, Detroit. Ken Hammer, 189, Detroit, completed the evening by TKO'ing Bob Biehler, 182, Rochester, in the second.

After a slow start, Pat (Spunky) Lowry, 147, Toledo, Ohio, came on to gain the nod over veteran Italian campaigner, Al LaGrutta, 141, billed out of Youngstown, Ohio, in the feature at Saginaw. Preparing himself for another chance at Al Andrews, it was the first time Lowry went ten rounds. There were no knockdowns.

Chuck Price, 146, Detroit, TKO'd Joe Henderson, 144, Detroit, in three. Freddie Viteli, 128, Youngstown, beat Dick Cassady, 124, Highland Park, in four. Jimmy York, 197, Windsor, TKO'd Marty Holt, 204, Detroit, in the fourth, and Johnny Mack, 150, Detroit, drew with Hec Charette, 157, Windsor.

Walter Hafer, 206, now fighing out of Warren, Ohio, returned to Detroit for an encounter with George Powell, 185½, Detroit, in an eight. George jabbed an easy win over his ringworn opponent at the MCA.

Fours:—Ken Hohner, 140, London, Ontario, bulled his way to victory over Frank O'Neal, 136, Detroit; Frank Perry, 179, Dayton, Ohio, bested Nick Turner, 169, Columbus, Ohio; and Duke Harris, 146, Detroit, TKO'd Chet Wiley, 143, Detroit, at 2:52 of the fourth.

Toledo's controversial welterweight, Pat Lowry, 149, returned to the MCA to score a TKO win over Ralph (Ramon) Alvarez, 143½, St. Paul, Minn., in the sixth round.

Bill Johnson, 207, Grand Rapids, came back and lost a tame four rounder to villainous Noel (Bull) Reid, 232, Detroit. Ray Jefferson, 140, Cleveland, and John Barnes, 136, Detroit, put on the best scrap of the evening, with the "Forest City" entry winning a split decision. Dick Cassady, 121¼, Highland Park, suffered his second knockout at the hands of Nate Brooks, 121¾, Cleveland, when he retired during the third.

Before Wesbury Bascom, 181½, St. Louis, Mo., and Bob Amos, 179, Detroit, really got warmed up, that age old bugaboo of a cut eye forced the visitor to retire at the end of the third round. Bascom was lacerated in the second and the gash was two inches long and deep. So the commission doctor advised referee Herman Spinelli to stop the contest.

Henry Bronko, 152, Detroit, and Duke Harris, 150, Detroit, went four blistering rounds to a draw. Clyde Ketcherside, 149½, St. Louis, disposed of Hec Charette, 159½, Windsor, in 1:15, and Bob DiGiovanni, 139½, Grand Rapids, beat Fred Carr, 141½, Pontiac, in four.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

ONCE the hardest-hitting middleweight developed in Syracuse, by far the biggest and most colorful box office attraction, Joey DeJohn was away off form when he met veteran Joe Rindone of Boston, in a scheduled 10-round bout at War Memorial Auditorium.

In the second round Rindone dropped DeJohn with a left, followed by a right to the head. Joey was slow regaining his feet at the count of nine. The Hub bruiser stepped in. A right to DeJohn's midriff, followed by a left and right to the head and Joey crashed to the canvas. DeJohn did not seem badly hurt. He was on one knee listening to the count of Referee Al Berl. When Berl got to eight, Joey was expected to arise, but he failed to move. "Nine-ten—and out", tolled the third man. With "ten—and", DeJohn regained his feet held out his gloves to the third man to be wiped off but Berl signalled the fight was over. The round lasted only 1.38, giving Rindone a knockout victory in the second stanza.

Making a comeback, Joey Taylor, 161, likeable Binghamton boxer, took the nod over Johnny Noel, 159, former Brooklyn boxer, now residing here, in the 8 round special event. Jackie Wilson, 151½, Quincy, Mass., outpointed Jimmy Wilkins, 150½, Buffalo, in a six round skirmish in which both tried hard but neither accomplished much. Frankie Cowan, the Waterville heavyweight kayo artist, who had won all his previous pro starts by knockouts, dropped the duke to Al Chapman, Watertown husky in six. Both were down, Chapman twice, but the officials figured Al had the edge. The weights, Cowan, 194, Chapman, 189.

Arnold Green 158, Rome, took a point win over Larry Busching, 155, Syracuse collegian, in a give-and-take four. Actually there was little to choose between them. In the curtain tilter, Joe Ricilli; 197, former Golden Gloves novice champ, drew with Teamer Lasure, 180, Glens Falls.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

ITALO SCORTOCHINI, Rome, Italy, 154½, Charley Johnston's crowd-pleasing Italian middleweight, made a big hit in his initial debut here on November 30 when he opposed 18 year old local Willie Pastrano, 156¾, in the feature ten round bout staged by promoter Allen LaCombe. Pastrano who recently turned 18 years old engaged in his first ten three minute rounds performance and was highly impressive making a thrilling finish. Scortochini won a split decision.

In the six round semifinal, Jimmy DeLeon, Houston, Tex., 168½, won a decision over courageous Billy LeBlanc, 165 pounds, who is handicapped with a left leg, having been a polio victim. The fight was a pleasing one.

"Speedy" Davidson, New Orleans, 122¼ pounds, scored a two round kayo over Baby Alaniz, Houston, Tex., in 1-49 of the second round of three fours. Alaniz scaled 126½ pounds. Vincent Bonomo, New Orleans, 136½, decisioned Terry Smith, Houston, Tex., 141 pounds, in a four. Benny DiMarco, New Orleans, 147¾ pounds, won a four round verdict over Eddie O'Dowd, Toledo, O., who now makes New Orleans his home. O'Dowd weighed 151½ pounds.

It marked the ninth fistic show of the 1953 season staged by LaCombe and 1294 fans paid a gross gate of $2500 to witness plenty of action.

TOLEDO FISTIC HEADLINES
By Hal Grothjan

CARMEN BASILIO, the world's number one welterweight contender, proved to Toledo fans just why he occupies that position on November 28 when he blasted Johnny Cunningham of Baltimore into submission in four rounds.

In the eight round semi-final the fans saw from one extreme to the other in styles of fighters. Ray Young, Toledo lightheavy, and King Solomon of Chicago battled to a draw in an interesting tussle. Young, a fast but light-hitting boxer, and Solomon, a crude but tough slugger, went at full speed the whole way.

Johnny Eubanks, Pittsburg, showed one of the classiest styles of boxing we have seen here as he won an easy six-round decision from Jim (Red) Elby, of Toledo. Eubanks, who at 156 was eight pounds lighter than his rival.

Mike DeJohn, 198, Syracuse, won a unanimous decision over Norvel Gaddes, 182, a game Detroiter, in another fast six-rounder. The four rounder saw Gordon Meadows, 141, of Pontiac, Mich., win a hairline nod from Dick Holling, 139, of St. Petersburg, Fla., via Toledo.

Promoter Sid Goldberg has offered Chuck Davey $10,000 to meet Carmen Basilio here in either December or January. Both boys are popular in Toledo and it should draw a big gate if it takes place.

Archie Moore, the world's lightheavy champ spent many days here training daily at Lt. Howard Tripp's Police-Fire gym. Archie, who is extremely popular in Toledo, may appear here against an opponent yet to be named early in 1954.

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referees, an official well liked.

Willie Meehan, the pudgy heavyweight from San Francisco who won a decision over Jack Dempsey in 1918 and fought the Manassa two other contests, joined other fistic celebrities in Valhalla. He died at the age of 62.

Still another nationally known fighter of the old school, Pal Moore, a bantam with an excellent record, passed away in Memphis at the age of 58. During his career he gained decisions over 12 champions in non-title bouts.

Jack Skelly, one of three famous Jacks who besides himself, was comprised of Nonpareil Jack Dempsey and Jack McAuliffe, was another old timer who saw the end in 1953. He was 83 years old. He is remembered as the opponent of George Dixon in New Orleans in 1892 when the Carnival of Champions, a three night's fistic festival was staged, with McAuliffe and Billy Myers and John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett heading the cards on other nights.

Tod Morgan, holder of the junior lightweight title from 1925 to 1929, died in Seattle, Wash. He won the championship from Mike Ballerino and lost it to Benny Bass. He was 51 years old.

William 'Bill' Tate, former heavyweight boxer who was one of Jack Dempsey's sparring partners is another who was mowed down by the Grim Reaper. He helped Jack train for his fights with Tunney. Bill was 56 years old.

A heavyweight boxer of note in the middle west, Bill Petersen, 36 years old, was killed in an auto accident. Bill fought such men as Rex Layne, Joey Maxim, Lou Nova and Harry Kid Matthews.

In Holyoke, Mass., Rocky Sullivan, another pro boxer, likewise died from an auto accident.

MOST PROGRESS BY VALDES

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had considerable natural ability—he could box and punch—but he was handicapped by a not too rugged chin and a tendency to become "discouraged" in rough going. He didn't fight too often, and had been out of the ring a year and a half when he rambled into Edmonton during the summer of 1952. He found himself fighting often, and, what's more important, winning regularly. He became Canadian champion by knocking out his former stablemate, the veteran Vern Escoe, and by way of proving it was no accident, he flattened Escoe again in a return engagement. Walls reached his peak in 1953 when he twice demolished Rex Layne. When the year ended Earl's winning streak had extended to fifteen straight, fourteen by knockouts, and the Canadian had earned a prominent rating among the world's leading heavyweights.

SOMEWHAT similar to but even more spectcular than Wall's rapid rise was the rush of Cuban Niño Valdes from comparative obscurity to the eminent position of main contender for boxing's richest prize, the heavyweight championship.

The Cuban was a fistic "nobody" when the year started. No youngster, he was 28, and had been messing about this boxing business since a kid of 14. Nobody had paid much attention to him, not even in his native Cuba, and he'd been an itinerant nonentity, shuffling from one manager to another.

It remained for Bobby Gleason to sense and develop the latent possibilities in the 6-foot-3-inch, 215-pound Cuban. Bobby assumed charge of the managerial reins during the winter of 1951-52, but he was in no hurry. He realized he needed time not only to get Niño into good physical condition but to instill confidence in him.

For a year Gleason was content to keep the Cuban fighting in the smaller clubs in and around New York. When he felt Valdes was ready to try his luck in major competition, he gambled with such "name" opponents as Harold Johnson and Archie Moore. Valdes didn't win, but the bouts served their purposes. Though he lost the decisions, the fact that he was able to go along with such outstanding ringmen began to give Valdes the confidence he needed.

Then came the bout that was to start Valdes on his sensational drive to the top of the world's heavyweight ratings. It wasn't so much the opponent he whipped, but what the victory meant to him psychologically. He became Cuban heavyweight champion by stopping the veteran Omelio Agramonte in Havana. Agramonte was no longer the fighter he had been, but his name still meant much in Cuba, and winning the national title from him was the most important thing, fistically, that had ever happened to Valdes.

BOBBY didn't feel that Niño had advanced sufficiently to meet the former world champion, who was on a nine-bout winning streak and clamoring for a crack to regain his lost laurels.

But Valdes gleefully welcomed the match.

"You worry; maybe tough fight?" he asked Gleason.

"Yes, I *am* worried; it is a *tough* fight," Bobby admitted.

Valdes grinned. "You no worry, Bobby. You smile. Niño win. Niño *campeon* (champion) now."

What happened, of course, is history. Valdez outboxed and outfought Charles to win decisively.

Following a couple of minor victories, Valdes was given the opportunity to offer further testimony that he had definitely "arrived" on the major fistic scene. For his final outing of the year, the Cuban traveled across the Atlantic to Dortmund, Germany, to blast the rugged European champion, Heinz Neuhaus, out of competition in four rounds.

There can be no disputing The Ring's recognition of Niño Valdes as the fighter accounting for the "most progress" during 1953.

1953 FINISHED STRONG

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the license of the managers of record show sole ownership, the culprits cannot be attacked legally. But the situation has cleared considerably from the way it was in 1952. Many of those who were in this field, have quit due to fear of prosecution.

Suggestions for the betterment of boxing are:

1—Better matchmaking. The use of more new talent to vary the monotony or seeing the same faces around the country week after week on TV shows.

The public tires of such procedure and both the sponsors and boxing suffer because the T.V. public, which makes up the bulk of spectators and on whom the sponsors depend for the sale of their product, shuts down on such fights.

2.—The return of cities that hitherto stood high in boxing promotion, to the fold of major boxing centers. Particularly Cleveland and Detroit which during the past year received the crumbs while Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Boston and Philadelphia continued to serve the headliners.

3—The reopening of small clubs in major cities. These are needed as the cradles of boxing, the developing clubs for future talent. The International Boxing Club with its vast finances and its firm grip on major talent and major arenas in America, should subsidize at least one club in each of the big cities where it operates.

This is a better plan than that outlined by Truman Gibson, Secretary of the IBC, to the National Boxing Association at its annual meeting in Milwaukee, whereby the IBC was willing to turn over a sum of money annually to the N.B.A. treasury to enable that organization to carry on.

Since N.B.A. members in many states reported that there were no clubs operating within their territory, what good would such money be to the treasury of the N.B.A.?

If the money were used to help small clubs to operate, it would benefit boxing throughout the country. Such clubs have found that they cannot function without television. As a result, from January 1951, to September 1953, fifty one percent of the clubs of our nation had shut down. Since September about a dozen have reopened and stage a show irregularly.

4—A curtailment of nationally televised shows at least to the extent of blacking out areas where small clubs operate on nights when such TV shows are on. A small club cannot compete even with a complete local program when its normal patrons can see a show with headliners on TV emanating from another center, that same evening.

5—The use of more local talent on the undercard to create sectional rivalry.

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

NOTTINGHAM ICE RINK.—Alex Buxton, Watford, 144½, became the new British Lightheavyweight Champion when he stopped Dennis Powell, Wales, 174¾, in the tenth round. The end came when Powell suffered a badly cut eyebrow. Buxton had run up a huge lead by the time the referee called a halt.

Jack Hobbs, Shepherds Bush, 214¾, was disqualified in the second round with Hugh Ferns Scotland, 214, for an alleged low blow.

Harry Ramsden, Whitwell, 125, outpointed Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 124, over eight rounds.

Ken Milson, Doncaster, 174, knocked out Dennis Fewkes, Nottingham, 181¾, in the fifth.

Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 138, knocked out Arthur Sullivan, Camberwell, 136½, in the third round.

Bernie Fairbanks, Hanley, 129¾, knocked out Eddie Moran, Leeds, 132¾, in the fourth, while Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 190¾, kayoed Johnny Ling, Doncaster, 196¾, in the second.

LEYTON BATHS.—George Walker, Stepney, 174, gained a points verdict over Fred Jackson, Custom House, 176½, in a bruising eight rounds brawl.

Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 162½, stopped Dick Dewhurst, Southampton, 160½, in the third.

Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 140, outpointed Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 140½, over six rounds. Billy Edwards, Hornchurch, 162¾, stopped Bobby Short, Clapham, 164½, in the second. Bert Middleton, Kettering, 143, outpointed Pat Berry, Bethnal Green, 144½, over six. Johnny Read, Penge, 163½, stopped Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 163½, in the fifth.

PORTSMOUTH.—Ken Lawrence, Southampton, 126, outpointed Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 130¾, over eight rounds.

Pat McCoy, Ireland, 128, took an eight rounds points decision from Eddie McCormick, Deal, 125.

Derek Cook, Chelsea, 147, left-handed his way to an eight rounds victory over Stan Webber, Paddington, 143.

Ken Bebbington, West Ham, 147, outscored Pat Mack, Ireland, 147, over eight.

Ken Lewis, Jamaica, 133½, outpointed Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 135½, over eight.

Johnny Lockyer, Portsmouth, 122, outpointed Harold Stevens, Durham, 125, over six rounds, while Johnny Valvona, Portsmouth, 111, and Bobby Robinson, London, 113, drew over four rounds.

BLACKPOOL.—Tommy Icke, Birmingham, 125, knocked out Jimmy Zale, Nigeria, 121¾, in the second of a scheduled eight rounds set-to.

Ken Regan, Blackpool, 144½, kayoed Jack Simms, Mansfield, 147, in the second.

Jackie Butler, Preston, 128, scored a fifth round kayo over Percy James, Southport, 128¼.

Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 126, stopped Tony Ross, Manchester, 122, in the second.

Jacky Dyer, Bolton, 134½, outscored Chris Howson, Lancaster, 135, over six.

BELFAST.—Tommy McMenemy, Belfast, 153, and Paddy Dowdall, Dublin, 143½, drew over eight rounds.

Colin Harrison, West Hartlepool, 133½, scored a good points win over Des Lennon, Banbridge, 135¼, over eight rounds.

Johnny Kenny, Glasgow, 126, outpointed Jackie Davidson, Belfast, 129, over eight rounds. Billy Skelly, Belfast, 120¼, outpointed Sandy Brown, Belfast, 120, over eight.

ST. AUSTELL.—Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 159, outpointed Stephen Coombe, St. Austell, 162, over six rounds.

Simon Templar, Jamaica, 220, stopped Harry Painter, Andover, 199, in the sixth session.

Buck Taylor, Devonport, 126, and George Burt, Plymouth, 125, put up a tough eight rounder before the nod went to Taylor.

Sammy Sweet, St. Blazey, 126, stopped Ben McGee, St. Austell, 126, in the second.

Colin Barber, Nottingham, 123, outpointed Eric Hussey, Weston, 126, over six rounds, while Freddie Smith, Weston, 154, outpointed Don Williams, Bristol, 145, over six rounds.

PRESTON.—Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 160, outpointed Richard Armah, Gold Coast, 154½, over eight rounds.

Brian Coxhead, Preston, 158, stopped Terry Dolan, Dewsbury, 155, in the fifth.

Peter Dawson, Huddersfield, 149, outpointed Maurice Williams, Jersey, 146, over six rounds. Tommy Cochrane, Belfast, 141, outpointed Billy Timmins, Huddersfield, 140, over six rounds. Jimmy Powell, Preston, 110, outpointed Pete Hallburg, Grimsby, 113, over four rounds.

GLOUCESTER.—Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125½, knocked out Neville Tetlow, Manchester, 124½, in the first round.

Mike Hughes, Netherayon, 134, drew with Jack Kofie, Gold Coast, 141, over six rounds. Johnny Williamson, Goucester, 150¾, lost narrowly on points to Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 147, over six.

BIRMINGHAM.—Frankie Parkes, Nottingham, 134½, successfully defended his Midland Area Lightweight crown, by outpointing Norman Wormall, Birmingham, 134¾, over twelve thrill-packed rounds.

Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 145½, took the Midland Area Welterweight championship from Eric Skidmore, Wednesbury, 146½, when he won the points decision after twelve rounds.

Eric Danks, Birmingham, 188, outpointed Frank Walker, Warwick, 195, over six rounds. Jackie Whitehouse, Dudley, 161, outpointed Reuben Blairs, West Bromwich, 160, over six rounds.

WATFORD.—Sid Cain, Watford, 175, knocked out Bob Couttie, Aldershot, 175, in the third round.

Denny Taylor, High Wycombe, 153½, outpointed Gerry Peters, Belfast, 155, over eight rounds. Idris Williams, Egham, 156½, outpointed Ken Hogarth, Luton, 158¾, over six rounds. Bill Sliney, Kings Cross, 141¾, won from Al Sharpe, Belfast, 138, over six rounds. Jim Carter, Yarmouth, 146½, outscored Joe Gustina, British Honduras, 148, over six rounds.

DUNDEE.—Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 145, outpointed Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 146, over eight rounds.

Reggie Watson, Kennoway, 130, outpointed Johnny Skelly, Shipley, 135, over six rounds. Peter Cain, Dundee, 157, knocked out Ivor Hutton, Bacup, 158, in the seventh. Marshall Bell, Leith, 174, drew with Jackie Abbott, Huddersfield, 173, over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL.—Al Browne, British Guiana, 136, knocked out Jim Findlay, Wishaw, 136½, in the third.

Cliff Purnell, Bath, 189, was knocked out in the second round by Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 193.

Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 136, stopped Wally Barkas, Bolton, 135, in the second, after Barkas had taken six long counts.

Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 140, knocked out Joe Ritchie, Newcastle, 139, in the fourth. Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 134, stopped Billy James, Tegryn, 133, in the third.

CARDIFF.—Haydn Jones, Wales, 125, retained his Welsh Featherweight title when he outpointed Hughie Thomas, Wales, 124½, over twelve dreary rounds.

Rees Moore, Luton, 146, won the vacant Welsh Welterweight title when he outpointed Dennis Rowley, Wales, 147, over twelve rounds.

Ritchie Jenkins, Pontypool, 122, outpointed Cliff Giles, Luton, 122½, over six rounds. Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, 135, knocked out Ron Bruzas, Blackwood, 124½, in the first round. Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 143, knocked out Norman Bates, Tiryberth, 141½, in the fourth. Parry Dando, Llanhilleth, 139¾, gained the decision over Teddy Best, Cardiff, 139, the referee halting the bout in the third. Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 147½, knocked out Andy Andrews, Cardiff, 147½, in the sixth. Gwilliam Rees, Treherbert, 133½, outpointed Albert Davies, Abercynon, 127, over six rounds.

HARRINGAY ARENA.—Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 137, had every one of his limitations shown when he was well outpointed by Ray Famechon, France, 137, over ten rounds. McCarthy, who tried hard, was beaten at his own game of left hand leads by the wily Frenchman.

Albert Finch, Croydon, 175¼, stopped Billy Dean, Greenwich, 174¾, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder.

Arthur Howard, Islington, 167¾, made short work of Bruce Crawford, Thornby, 167½, dealing out severe punishment in the first round and making the referee apply an early closure.

Dai Dower, Abercynon, 113, stopped Joe Cairney, Coatbridge, 109¾, in the fourth. Cairney was hopelessly outclassed.

Jimmy King, USA, 157¾, scored a clean cut points win over Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 158¼, over eight rounds.

Yolande Pompee, Trinidad, 161¾, was paired with Ray Barnes, USA, 161, over ten rounds, but it seemed that Barnes had no wish to involve himself in any glove slinging, for after four rounds of covering up and doing anything to keep out of range of Pompee's hard punching, he ran into a left to the chin. The referee counted ten.

BLACKPOOL.—Steve Trainor, Manchester, 128¼, outpointed Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 128, over eight rounds. Trainor boxed well to run up a commanding points lead.

Syd Greb, Liverpool, 137, stopped Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 139, in the fifth, the latter having received a badly cut eyebrow.

Liam Farrell, Ireland, 126¼, outpointed Eddie Josephs, Belfast, 128, over four rounds. William Lloyd, Brecon, 137, stopped Del Willis, Jamaica, 140, in the fourth. Ken Burt, Doncaster, 172, outpointed Tommy Loughran, Birkenhead, 168, over four rounds.

OLDHAM.—Tony Lord, Ashton-under-Lyne, 175¾, outpointed Wally Curtis, Swindon, 174¾, over eight fierce rounds.

Andy Monaghan, Southport, 130, and Freddy Bancroft, Cockermouth, 137¾, put up a rugged bout before the referee called a halt in the sixth after Monaghan had taken several counts.

Mickey Stasak, France, 137, outpointed Steve Berry, Salford, 137, over six.

Dave Crossman, Bolton, 156, stopped Tommy Colcliffe, Stockport, 154, in the fifth.

Cliff Bardsley, Oldham, 111, outpointed Eric Lord, Bacup, 112, over four rounds, while Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 123, won from Kenny Daniels, Ashton, 121¾, also over four rounds.

WALWORTH.—Freddie King, Wandsworth, 127, and Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 128, shared the honors after eight fast rounds.

Ken Lawrence, Southampton, 126¼, outpointed Laurie McShane, Glasgow, 126, over eight.

Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 170¼, stopped Fred Bray, Theydon, 170, in the second.

Dennis Bebbington West Ham, 160¼, knocked out Billy Middleton, British Honduras, 161¼, in the second.

Freddie Balio, Gambia, 154½, stopped Dave Thatcher, Brighton, 149, in the fourth, after Thatcher had taken seven counts.

Sammy O'Dell, Nigeria, 127, outpointed George Rogers, West Ham, 126¼, over six rounds.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL.—Paul King, Torquay, 147¼, gained a narrow points win over Johnny Fish, Harlow, 147, in the main eight rounder.

Jimmy McLachlan, Hackney, 135¼, won from Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, 136½, in the sixth when the latter suffered a badly gashed eyebrow.

Stan Webber, Paddington, 141, narrowly outpointed Al Sharpe, Belfast, 141¼, over six rounds.

Len Innis, Notting Hill, 136¾, outscored Jack Pomfrett, Romford, 134½, over six rounds.

Sid Cain, Watford, 176½, dropped Terry Donovan, Merthyr, 175¾, in the first round.

Ron Duncombe, Jersey, 164¾, stopped Alex Gurton, Southend, 162½, in the third.

CROYDON.—Eddie McCormick, Deal, 126¼, was fortunate indeed to win from Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 128¼, when after being far behind on points, his opponent, Ames, emerged from a collision of heads with a badly gashed eyebrow. The referee called a halt.

Cliff Giles, Linton, 121¼, outpointed Clem A'Court, Morden, 120¼, over eight rounds.

Joe White, Croydon, 147, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 149¼, over six rounds.

Peter Waterman, Clapham, 143¾, knocked out Bert Middleton, Kettering, 143¾, in the third round.

Roy Shafren, Harrow, 164, piled up a good points win over Andy Oliver, Fulham, 167¾, over six rounds.

Jack Baker, Hillingdon, 130¼, knocked out Teddy Odus, Nigeria, 127¾, in the fourth.

BELFAST.—Harry Warner, Dagenham, 152, was beaten in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder by Mickey O'Niell, Belfast, 150, the referee calling a halt when Warner suffered a bad cut over the eye that was bleeding profusely.

Jim Fisher, Belfast, 127, won from Michael

Feeney, Banbridge, 124, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth for an alleged low blow.

Pat McAllister, Belfast, 157, was having the best of his bout with Joe Odeymi, West Africa, 163, when he ran into a piledriver that put him down and out for the count in the fourth round.

Johnny King, Belfast, 152¾, knocked out Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 155, in the second.

Jim Feeney, Banbridgem, 125, outscored Johnny McManus, Lurgan, 125, over four rounds.

WAISSALL.—Terry McDonald, Cudworth, 190, knocked out Derek Alexander, Wilenhall, 186, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder.

Jim Stimpson, Tipton, 145½, outpointed Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 147¼, over six rounds.

Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 148, stopped Les Garbett, Cannock, 146, in the third.

Jackie Whitehouse, Dudley, 161½, outpointed Ernie Martland, Askern, 163, over six rounds.

Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 140¼, outpointed Maurice Williams, Jersey, 141, over six.

Ray Jeff, Rotherham, 148, outpointed Alex Aitken, West Bromwich, 149, over four rounds.

LIVERPOOL.—Eric Marsden, St. Helens, 113½, scored a clear cut points win over Ogli Tettey, Gold Coast, 112½, over eight rounds.

Eddie McNally, Belfast, 128, stopped Jacky Butler, Preston, 126, in the first round.

Tommy Hilton, Rochdale, 164, won from Calvin Garroway, British Guiana, 159½, when the latter was disqualified in the second for an alleged low blow.

Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 132, stopped Vic Glover, Birmingham, 136, in the fifth, while Johnny Malone, Birkenhead, 126½, stopped Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 124, in the second.

BLACKPOOL.—Alby Tissong, South Africa, 130, and Ricky McCullough, Belfast, 135, battled eight hard rounds to a draw.

Al Browne, British Guiana, 137½, won comfortably over Don McTaggart, Paisley, 135½, after eight rounds.

Jim Chadwick, Wigan, 110½, knocked out Joe Connors, Southport, 105, in the third.

Ken Gregson, Blackpool, 104, knocked out Bobby Moffat, Preston, 114, in the second.

Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 142, outpointed Johnny Ritchie, Rhuddlan, 146, over six rounds.

BLACKPOOL.—Jimmy O'Connell, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Allen Tanner, British Guiana, 137, over eight rounds.

Brian Coxhead, New Longton, 156, outscored Frankie Priest, Northampton, 163, over eight.

Mickey Stasak, France, 139, won from Jacky Dyer, Bolton, 136, the latter being disqualified in the fourth for alleged use of the kidney punch.

Eric Roberts, Manchester, 140, and Chris Howson, Lancaster, 135, drew over six, while Cliff Bardsley, Manchester, 113, outscored Eric Lord, Bacup, 111, over four rounds.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.—Billy Coulter, Woolwich, 148, and Ken Bebbington, West Ham, 148¾, drew over six rounds.

Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 134, stopped Ken Lewis, Jamaica, 134¾, in the third. Ron Hughes, Dagenham, 116, won a four rounder from Jimmy Frew, Abbots Langley, 119. Ronald Duncombe, Jersey, 167¾, outpointed Jackie Hughes, Belfast, 166½, over six rounds.

EMPRESS HALL—EARLS COURT.—Johnny Williams, ex-British Heavyweight Champion, 196, showed that he is still the apprehensive, nervous fighter he has always been, when he outpointed Al Bernard, Belgium, 204, over eight rounds. Bernard provided small opposition for Williams, but the latter made his own work difficult, and had to be content with a points win.

Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 195, stopped Fred 'Nosher' Powell, Walworth, 201¼, in the seventh of an eight rounder.

Wim Snoek, Holland, 177, was unlucky to lose to Brian Anders, Brighton, 170, for after well leading on points he was disqualified in the fourth for an alleged low blow.

Vic Phayer, Woolwich, 174½, outpointed Joe Rood, Hackney, 174, over six rounds.

Pat Guttridge, Bow, 147, knocked out Derek Cook, Chelsea, 147, in the second.

Denny Ball, Bedford, 204, stopped Johnny Apee, Welling, 177¼, in the fifth.

LEYTON.—Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, 175, scored a comfortable points win over Bert Sanders, Kilburn, 167¾, over eight rounds.

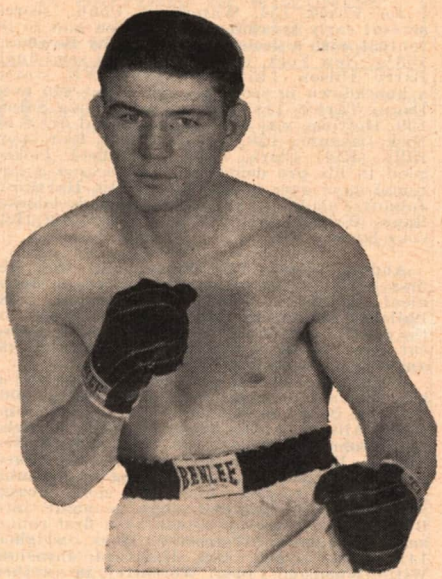
Ronnie Gill, Bethnal Green, 145, stopped Ron Kensington, Tooting, 148, in the fifth.

Danny Gill, Bethnal Green, 144, outpointed Les Kirk, Finchley, 147, over six rounds.

Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 142, stopped Stan Webber, Paddington, 139½, in the second.

Ron Colverston, Stepney, 127, outscored Jackie Leonard, Islington, 130, over six.

EPSOM.—Johnny Hazel, Jamaica, 135½,



Johnny Sullivan, Preston middleweight, once again on winning ways with his triumph over Richard Armah of the Gold Coast.

knocked out Danny Hurley, Morden, 136, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder.

Clem A'Court, Morden, 120¼, stopped Johnny Barnham, Fulham, 122, in the fifth, when Barnham received a badly gashed eyebrow.

Arthur Sullivan, Camberwell, 139¾, and Jack Baker, Hillingdon, 133, drew over eight rounds.

Teddy Searle, Hackney, 146½, knocked out George Greenwood, Dagenham, 146, in the third.

Tommy Macormac, Ayr, 129¾, outpointed George Rogers, West Ham, 124½, over six rounds.

Frank Elvy, Croydon, 126, stopped Sammy Odell, West Africa, 127½, in the second round.

PRESTON.—Les Allen, Bedworth, 158, outpointed Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 154, over eight rounds.

Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 165, outpointed Joe Odeymi, West Africa, 168, over eight.

Ernie Martland, Doncaster, 163, stopped Don Eland, Preston, 163¾, in the third.

Percy James, Southport, 129¾, outpointed Alf Cottam, Preston, 128½, over six rounds.

Neville Rowe, Blackpool, 174, knocked out Harry Creb, Carlisle, 178, in the third.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.—Johnny Butterworth, Rochdale, 130, won the Central Area Lightweight Championship when he stopped Tommy Bailey, Liverpool, 134¾. The referee called a halt in the tenth session when Bailey was taking his seventh count.

Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 133, outpointed Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 135, over six rounds.

Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 138¾, stopped Mickey Stazak, France, 140, in the first.

Paul Dunne, Dublin, 119, outpointed Syd Charles, Bolton, 115, over six rounds.

Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 132, knocked out Con Ahearn, Cork, 126, in the second round.

BELFAST.—Tommy Rogers, Ballymena, 217, knocked out George McGowan, Belfast, 184½, in the first round.

Jim Loughrey, Derrym 110, drew with Johnny McManus, Lurgan, 113½, over six rounds.

Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 126½, stopped Bob Geary, Belfast, 128¼, in the sixth.

Bobby Booth, Randalstown, 128, outpointed Les Donnelly, Derry, 130, over six rounds.

Jim Townsley, Belfast, 154, knocked out Billy Burns, Islandmagee, 154¾, in the second round.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.—Hector Constance, Trinidad, 147½, once again showed his mastery of the British Welterweight Champion, Wally Thom, Birkenhead, 148¾, this time outpointing him over ten all-action rounds.

George Happe, Bethnal Green, 148, was extremely unlucky to lose to Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 149¼, by a disqualification in the second session, for an alleged low blow.

Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 128¼, defeated Laurie McShane, Glasgow, 129, when the latter was unable to come up for the second round.

Peter Keenan, former British Bantamweight Champion, 119, was too good for Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, 119½, the referee calling a halt in the seventh round.

Lew Lazar, Aldgate, stopped Roy Baird, Birmingham, in the seventh of an eight rounds welterweight bout. Peter Waterman, Clapham, 142½, stopped Johnny Hunt, Northampton, 145½, in the second round. Eddie Wright, Bethnal Green, 171, outpointed Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 168 over six rounds.

BLACKPOOL.—Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 126, outpointed Steve Trainor, Manchester, 127½, over eight rounds. Ken Regen, Blackpool, 142½, stopped Phil Mellish, Stalybridge, 147, in the seventh. Charlie Blower, Liverpool, 119, knocked out Kenny Daniels, Ashton, 121, in the second round. Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 140, outpointed Stan Prescott, Manchester, 144, in the six round curtain raiser.

HOXTON BATHS.—Joey Parsons, Ilford, 176, outpointed George Walker, Stepney, 176, over eight rounds.

Sammy Bonnick, Stepney, 131, outscored Allan Tanner, British Guiana, 135¾, over eight rounds. Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 162½, knocked out Gerry Peters, Belfast, 158, in the first round. Pat Gutteridge, Bow, 148, knocked out Bert Middleton, Kettering, 144, in the second. Tommy McCormac, Ayr, 127½, outpointed Ron Neal, Bow, 128¼, over six. Jackie McKinley, Jamaica, 140, stopped Jackie Pomphrett, Dagenham, 133, in the second.

PRESTON.—Johnny Barton, Lancaster, 175, stopped Ken Millsom, Doncaster, 174½, in the fourth.

Brian Coxhead, Preston, 158, outpointed Jim Lindley, Doncaster, 160, over eight rounds. Maurice Williams, Jersey, 147, knocked out Bobby Mansell, Tonypandy, 142½, in the fourth. Frank Rak, Chorley, 163, knocked out Dave Crossman, Bolton, 157, in the first. Alf Cottam, Preston, 130¼, and Derek Holt, Oldham, 131½, drew over four rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 157, made a welcome return to British boxing after eighteen months service in Korea, and celebrated with a comfortable points win over Jack Johnson Cofie, 162, over eight rounds. Ellaway will be a welcome addition to the Middleweight ranks.

Charlie Hall, Glasgow, 128, stopped Peter Fay, Bournemouth, 128, in the sixth session when the latter had received a badly cut lip.

Jackie Butler, Preston, 128, knocked out Eddie McNally, Belfast, 129, in the last round of their scheduled six rounder. Roy Johnson, Liverpool, 159½, outpointed Billy Watt, Liverpool, 161½, over six rounds. Percy James, Southport, 129, outpointed Johnny Malone, Birkenhead, 126, over four rounds. Tommy Barnabus, Holywell, 146, outscored Frank Moran, Birkenhead, 145, in another four rounder.

BELFAST.—Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 128, knocked out George McCullough, Belfast, 127, in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder. Sam Thompson, Belfast, 145½, stopped Jim Greer, Carrick, 147, in the third. Billy Kane, Belfast, 112, knocked out Syd Neldon, Carrick, 113½, in round one. Paddy Coney, Belfast, 143½, stopped John Haughey, Lurgan, 140, in the second round. Don Gibson, Belfast, 121, knocked out Louis Rea, Belfast, 129, in the third. Terry McManus, Belfast, 116, outpointed Dave Moore, Belfast, 116, over six rounds.

BELFAST.—Johnny Kelly, British and European Bantamweight Champion, 119, outpointed Jean Kidy, Belgium, 119, over ten rounds.

Eddie McCormick, Deal, 126, was outpointed by Billy 'Spider' Kelly, Derry, 128¼, over eight rounds. Bunty Adamson, Banbridge, 149, outpointed Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 149, over ten rounds. George O'Niell, Belfast, 119½, outscored Tommy Icke, Preston, 120¾, over eight. Tommy Meli, Belfast, 163¼, won from Calvin Garroway, British Guiana, 160½, over eight rounds.

BOXING IN CURACAO

By L. Koeiman

PROMOTER Clarence Fraites and Matchmaker A. Cooper put on an excellent show at the Rif Stadium, but again it was a financial flop. Unfortunately not enough fans came out to see the contests.

In the feature ten rounder, Juan Lopez, 128, Venezuela was stopped by Yack Subero, 132, of Trinidad in a bout in which the winner had the better of the milling throughout. The loser was dropped four times and in the ninth round, the referee halted the affair and awarded the verdict to Subero.

In the eight round semi, Sugar Boy Nando, 150 of Aruba, was declared the winner over Young Gavilan, 158, Curacao, by a K.O. in the second round. In another eight, Fight Couga, 153, St. Eustatius, won over Young Joe, 158, Curacao.

Dinamite Negro, 153, Curacao and Glying Kid fought a six round draw. Gentle Donald drew with Tiger Jones in four.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

OUTSTANDING fights for November were Raton Macias, national bantamweight champion against Alberto Reys, Chilean bantamweight champion, and Memo Valero, former national featherweight king against Joel Gutierrez, a new boy who knows very little about boxing, but has dynamite in both hands. Macias outfought and outboxed the Chilean and Valero did the same thing to Gutierrez. But let me give you the results of the period under revision as the matches were staged:

Nov. 4—Felipe Fuentes, 141, decisioned Rafael Hadad, 140, in ten. Kid Campeche, 123, decisioned Tacho Martinez, 124, in ten.

Memo Valero, 130, on his comeback stopped Joel Gutierrez, 130, in five. Lalo Gallardo, 133, decisioned Marcelino Peña, 137, in ten.

Pedro Biesca, 36, decisioned Enrique Gomez, 136, in ten. Jose Galicia, 132, decisioned Jose Paredes, 134, in ten.

El Conscripto, 141, national welterweight champion, decisioned Julio Cesar Jimenez, 147, in twelve for the belt, which was retained by the former in a lousy match. Zurdo Carrillo, 122, decisioned Pepe Montes, 126, in ten.

Raul Solis, 120, decisioned Trini Ruiz, 121, in ten. Memo Diez, 119, decisioned Babe Lopez, 118, in ten.

Ratin Macias, 118, Mexico's bantamweight king, stopped Alberto Reyes, 118, Chilean bantamweight champion, in three sensational rounds. Enrique Esqueda, 136, stopped Flor Hita, 139, a strong boy from Cuba, in two.

Cesar Saavedra, 125, decisioned Roy Hernandez, 125, in ten. Jose Galicia, 132, decisioned Jesse de Hoyos, 130, in ten.

Raul Esqueda, 134, stopped Gorilon Ortiz, 135, in eight. Rudy de Hoyos, 135, decisioned Aurelio Cruz, 137, in ten.

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS NEWS
By Don Hamill

Bobby Courchesne, 125½, brightest of the local youngsters, clearly outpointed Baby Beau Jack, 127½, Atlanta, Ga., in the eight round main event. He had been held to a draw by Jack in June.

Jack McCarthy, 159, Yorkville, N. Y., scored a surprise six round decision over Gerry Tessier, 160, Springfield, high school student. Rinzy Nocero, 158, Brooklyn, N. Y., proved a little too ringwise for round and touch Joe Fusco, 154, Waterbury, Conn., in another six rounder. Johnny Paladino, 150, Middletown, Conn., outlasted Joe O'Connell, 157, Springfield, in a slam-bang four spot. Young Sharkey, 139, Holyoke, kayoed Stanley Hawkins, 136, New York, in three heats. And in the opener, Nick Devanno, 124, Norwich, Conn., needed four rounds to stop Joe DeMyers, 119, New York.

Eddie Compo, 134½, New Haven, was too sharp and clever for Harry LaSane, 132, Houston, Tex., and won their eight round feature. LaSane was at one time a big attraction at the Valley Arena but time has taken its toll.

Earl Dennis, 137, Wilmington, Del., emulated Henry Armstrong, in sweeping a six round decision over Ossie Andrews, 138½, New Haven, in the six round semi-final. Jimmy Walls, 185, New York, took the starch out of Ollie Wilson, 187, Hartford, in the first round and then proceeded to punch out a six round decision. Joe O'Connell, 158, Springfield, reversed the loss he suffered the week before by taking a four round duke over Johnny Paladino, 149, Middletown, Conn. Kenny Adams, 126, Norwich, Conn., won in four busy rounds over his fellow-townsman, Nick Devanno, 124. Stanford Bulla, 153½, New York, belted out Jose Matthews, 152, Hartford, in the first round.

Bobby Courchesne, 126, Chicopee, completely outclassed Edwin (Sonny) Bishop, 120, Trenton, N. J., whom he stopped in the third round. Bishop, who was able to offer nothing in the way of offense, and little in the way of defense, was felled in each of the rounds before Referee Joe Cashman stepped in and called a halt.

Joe Fusco, 154, Waterbury, Conn., scored several early knockdowns and then had to be content with a decision over Johnny Bowman, 153½, New York, in the six round semi-final. Barry Allison, 145½, Westover AFB, scored a knockdown in scoring a six round win over Danny Taylor, 148½, New York. Young Saint, 129, Holyoke, was held to his second draw by Nick Devanno, 128, Norwich, in a four spot. Billy (Kid) Clark, 138½, Westfield, looked good in his pro debut when he scored a one round kayo over Sonny Jones, 140, Hartford. Johnny Paladino, 148, Middletown, decisioned Rance Wright, 147, who is now calling Holyoke home.

Andre Tessier, 155, Springfield, won his first main event when he scored a technical knockout over Jetson Arnold, 148, Philadelphia, in the fifth round. It was in the fourth round that Arnold suffered a severe cut over his left eye which prevented his answering the bell for the fifth round.

Jimmy Walls, 187½, New York, scored a knockdown in scoring over Cecil Bolin, 200, Trenton, N. J., in the six round semi-windup. Barry Allison, 145½, Westover AFB, brought down Johnny Bowman, 150, New York, in five rounds. Vinnie Ricco, 125½, Hartford, looked good in his pro debut in winning over Young Saint, 129, Holyoke, in a four spot. Young Sharkey, 138, Holyoke, sunk a right into Bobby Lenois' tummy to win by a first round kayo. Lenois of Worcester, Mass., weighed 141. Billy Lynch, 138, Hartford, thrashed Willie Woodson, 140½, Worcester, in another four rounder.

Hein Ten Hoff, 220, Germany, failed to impress in scoring a five round knockout over Art Henri, 195, New York. The former European heavyweight champion didn't capture the imagination of the arena fans.

Rinzy Nocero, 160, Brooklyn, rallied to win the six round semi-final from Stanford Bulla, 156, New York. Barry Allison, 145, Westover AFB, outboxed Rance Wright, 146, Holyoke, in the other sixer. Young Saint, 125½, Holyoke, atoned for his weekold loss to Vinnie Ricco, 127½, Hartford, by taking the decision in their four rounder. Amede Ducharme, 131, Montreal, Can., belted out Johnny Gibson, 132½, New York, in the fourth round. Cliff Smith, 150, Camden, N. J., halted Mason Jackson, 154½, New York, in the first round.

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

THE best looking young heavyweight prospect seen locally in many a day was unfurled on the November 17th show at the Kennewick Chinese Gardens Arena. He was Gene Brixon, Sand Point, Idaho, 182 pounder, who was Alaskan Theatre army heavy champ last year. In his local debut, he met the very highly touted Dave Roy, Vancouver 180 pounder, and to the surprise of the fans, battered Roy from pillar to post in eight torrid rounds in which the deadgame Canadian hit the deck five times. Brixon took a one-sided unanimous decision.

Brixon is a six foot two inch rugged 24 year old socker who looks like he might go places. Roy displayed plenty of courage but was badly outgunned and out-generalled all the way.

In the six round semi-windup, a rugged brawl also, Indian Freddie Miller, Lynden, Wash., 165, slugged out a narrow split decision, over Joe Aguilar, Kennewick, 170. In four rounders, Jackie Moore, Seattle 135, decisioned Billy Huff, Spokane; Nary Greb, Vancouver, 135, shaded Jackie Frost, Spokane, 140, and Rugged Benny Paul, Vancouver, 160, decisioned Billy Irons.

BOXING NEWS FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
By Thomas V. Deugau

AL MAROTTI, hitting the comeback road, and trying to regain the good name he made for himself here a few years back, before a hitch in the U. S. Army, which gave him a jounrey overseas, won a 10 round split decision victory over Jackie Hayden.

Johnny Jackson of Red Deer, Alberta, didn't show enough respect for Gilbert McAllister's punching power and was counted out at 1:09 of the second round.

Welterweight Jerry Fraser, 148, from Ponoka didn't let the weight of Jackie Haedon, 155, Edmonton, discourage him and won a split six-round decision in the semi-final.

CALGARY'S Murray Vinje, 137 lost a split decision to Edmonton welterweight, Ernie Demchuk, 139, in a bristling six rounder, as well as losing a spot on the card in Calgary the following night.

Jersey Joe Edwards, 121, supplied plenty of amusement in a catchweights match with Dale McCurcheon, 138 Calgary. Tiny Dynamite Edwards battered the Calgary boy from pillar to post and showed no respect whatever for his lanky opponent to win a unanimous decision in the curtain riser.

Earl Walls, the Canadian Heavyweight Champion again proved that he is more than just a worthy contender for the crown now held by Rocky Marciano by scoring a one round knockout, in 33 seconds (including the 10-second count) over Bernie Reynolds of Fairfield, N. J.

Walls weighed in at 191 pounds, his best fighting weight, while Reynolds weighed 192.

Jerry Fraser 155, Ponoka, Alta. scored a three round TKO over Jimmy Ego, 155, Edmonton in a special event.

"Pee-Wee Pete" Allessandrine won a 6 round decision over Gus Bruno, Ponoka, in a hard slugging match that the loser had nothing to be ashamed of.

Kid Sinclair of Slave Lake won a split decision over Ron Bennett in a pleasing light-heavy 4 rounder.

George Deinns heavyweight discovery, Helmert Schrouer, won a 4 rounder over Jock McLean.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

ROCKY MARCIANO, present heavyweight champion of the world was with us to give an exhibition against Hall and Golden for the benefit of the Boy's Town. The exhibition was promoted by Jes Cortes and sponsored by San Miguel Brewery. Jack Dempsey had been here in 1939 when he refereed the Ceferino Garcia-Glen Lee middleweight championship and Joe Louis gave an exhibition in 1949 against Ray Stevens and Jimmy Wilkins of the U. S. Army. Gene Tunney had been here but aboard a ship during the liberation but no Filipino saw him.

Berto Gonzales, 114, of Iloilo, badly outpointed Lory Amate, 117, of Zamboanga in 10 rounds at the New Olympic Stadium, Caloocan, Rizal. It was a slugging affair.

Newsboy Brown, 109, caused a big upset by knocking out Blackie Robinson, 105, in the 2nd round with a right to the heart. It was a very sad night for the gamblers, who bet heavily on the loser.

Kid Ocampo, 115, of Tarlac badly outpointed Baby Flores, 115, of Zamboanga in 6 rounds. Montalban Kid, 114, lost to Flashy Pasudeco, 114, in a 4 round special event.

Small Doro, 110, of Angeles, Pampanga, outscored Gomy Herma, 109, of Tayuma in another 4 rounder. Young Bataan, 113, proved too fast for Roland Lauricio, 118, of Angeles in four.

Baby Martines, 102, and Frankie Young, 109, drew in four. Este Escoto, 100, easily outpointed Robin Boy, 102, in 4. Young Raytranco, 110, beat Baby Marciano, 104, in the opener of 4 rounds.

Ray Angelo, 131, of Angeles, Pampanga, badly outpointed Tenejeros Boy, 129, of Manila at Caloocan, Rizal. Tenejeros proved too strong. From the start until the last of the 10 rounds Angele peppered Tenejeros Boy with his jabs, followed with straights to the face.

Midget Louis, 117, of Pampanga beat Cunning Andy, 114, in six rounds. Andy was a last minute substitute, hence was not in condition.

Villeza Villar, 119, of Cabanatuan City kayoed Al Custer, 123, in the 3rd round Con Senapilo, 101, stopped Young Benny, 104, in the very first round. Loudines Jr. 115, of Pampanga knocked out Little Walcott, 113, in the 4th round.

Young Coling, 116, and Frisco Concepcion, 121, drew in four. Montalban Kid, 118, and Pasudeco Flash, 19, fought on even terms in four. Baby Stotserburg, 107, beat Mario Manuel, 115, in the curtain raiser.

Tanny Campo, flyweight champion of the Philippines easily outpointed Dommy Ursuwa, 115, in a 10 round non-title bout at Victorias Stadium, Occ. Negros.

Teddy Maubar, 128, and Young Dory, 127, drew in 8 rounds. Rocky Mynoy, 114, won over Rush Tony, 113, in four rounds.

Jack Vent, 112, licked Gil Lequino, 112, in four. Nursery Kid, 118, outboxed Terrible Polding, 116, in another four rounder. Cris Cencio, 105, and Cris Sullivan, 110, drew in four. Tony Sullivan, 107, beat Battling Kid, 103, in the opening 4 rounds.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

WATERBURY—Promoter Tony Paoli's second show of the season was another success with Union City's Irish Pat Mallane, 130, scoring a 6 round K.O. over veteran Jimmy Ithia, 128, New York. This was Ithia's second K.O. loss in several years of campaigning. There was no doubt of the outcome of this match with Mallane in front all the way.

Eddie Swift, 152, Waterbury, scored another sensational K.O. by stopping Howard Soligny, 154, Brooklyn, in the first round. Tony Mascia, 142, Waterbury, made his pro debut by stopping John Carney, 144, Springfield, in the first round. The rest of the card was made up of Semi-pro bouts. The gross gate was $1,270.

New Britain—Hartford's Billy Lynch, featured in his first main event, a six rounder, easily defeated Rocky Sullivan, 137, Boston, on promoter Sam Gulino's first boxing venture at the Stanley Arena. Lynch, 136, had things his own way throughout but could not score a knockdown over the rugged Sullivan. The rest of the card was made up of semi-pro bouts. The crowd and gate was small but not disappointing.

Waterbury—Irish Pat Mallane, 132½, took a big step up the fistic ladder by knocking out Johnny O'Brien, 130, Boston, in the 5th round. O'Brien, former N. E. bantamweight Champ, made a terrific stand against the heavy guns of the hard-hitting Mallane, but was unable to continue after being knocked down twice in the fifth round.

Eddie Swift, 151, Waterbury, scored his 5th straight K.O. as a pro by knocking out Dick Canfield, 148, Boston, in the second round.

Semi-pro bouts made up the rest of the show. The gross gate was $1738.

With Pat Mallane's successful return to action Promoter Tony Paoli is trying to arrange a bout with New Haven's Eddie Compo. Keep trying Tony.

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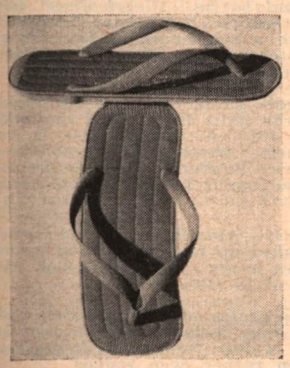

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

HAROLD JOHNSON, 174½, of Philadelphia proved up his case as the world's second best light heavyweight, by winning a 10 round argument with Henry Hall, 184, of New Orleans at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

The former world welterweight champion Barney Ross was the third man in the ring and did a splendid job. He scored six rounds for Johnson, two even and two for Hall.

Other bouts follow:

Jimmy Hackney, 135½, Philadelphia, defeated Baby Ray Jefferson, 137¾, Chicago (6).

Johnny Brown, 149¼, Chicago won by technical knockout over Nunzio Ferraro, 152¼, Milwaukee (1:45 of fifth round).

Terry Book, 127¼, Milwaukee, won by technical knockout over Curtis Orr, 132¼, Chicago (1:23 of fourth round).

Dick Brewer, 140, Chicago, defeated Carmen Caputa, 140¼, Milwaukee (4).

Dick Powell, 125¼, Chicago, defeated George Reed, 122¼, Milwaukee (4).

Judges: Ray Jackson and Billy Lachenmaier.

Attendance, 1,816; receipts, $3,824.

We had two testimonial dinners here during the month. Two great guys, Sam Levy, veteran sports writer and Tom Larkin, retired Athletic Director of the Milwaukee Athletic Club were honored.

The Levy testimonial at the Schroeder Hotel crowned his 42 year newspaper career, all on the Milwaukee Journal. Celebrities from afar joined the localities for the festivities. Those representing baseball formed the big majority and were the "Who's Who" of that sports register. Will Harridge and Ed Doherty, league presidents, topped the list.

Boxing was represented by two past N.B.A. presidents, George Barton of Minneapolis and Fred Saddy. Ernie Fliegel, Minneapolis and Ray Arcel, New York were guests.

Levy's favorite sports were baseball and boxing. In the early days, Sam never missed a championship fight. Later assigned to baseball, Sam Levy saw his dream come true—Milwaukee a Major League baseball city—the same high position the city held in the fight game years ago.

Tom Larkin, 81, was the honored guest at the Testimonial arranged by his friends, some 400 of them, at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. A. J. Schinner, former Sports Editor and chairman of the boxing commission, was chairman of the arrangement committee.

Lloyd Larson, Sports Editor of the Sentinel was the MC and did a splendid job. Other speakers were Russ Lynch, Sports Editor of the Journal; Connie Jennings, Athletic Director of Marquette University and Peter Murphy, secretary of the state AAU.

Attorney Hubert O Wolf gave a resume of Larkin's career. "Tom lived right himself," said Wolf, "and he was highly successful in having his pupils follow the example he set. Wisconsin never had a finer athlete, nor one more proficient in so many different things."

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By Homer Amundsen

THIS column conductor has now established a first rate boxing room in the local Y.M.C.A. Y. Officials have gone all out in rigging up a fine boxing ring and all needed equipment to make the quarters one of the finest of its kind in any city.

King Broadcasting Co., Seattle staged its initial T. V. amateur card of five bouts recently in its spacious new building. These weekly simon-pure events will be of one hour duration with bouts held on Saturday night with fans attending with guest tickets.

I had the good fortune of chatting with Eddie Pinkman, after the T. V. event at King's Ring. Eddie, in his heyday was a top grade lightweight out this way. The shrinking Violet, as he was termed in his boxing days, today, is one of the leading automobile salesmen in the Northwest. Eddie's product, Lincoln-Mercury.

Paavo Kotonen, Tacoma Boxing Promoter, will soon put together a local boxing program. Richie Reed, local 154 pounder, will have a spot on the card.

At the moment, Tacoma and Vancouver, B. C. are the only Pacific Northwest spots coming out with a sprinkling of pro boxing events.

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NEUHAUS STOPPED BY VALDES
By Sgt. Jack A. Tree

HEINZ NEUHAUS' hopes of getting a shot at the world heavyweight title were shattered when he was knocked out by Nino Valdes in less than twelve minutes of actual fighting at Dortmund, Germany on November 15. The arena where the fight was staged was jammed and the quick ending furnished a huge surprise because it was expected that the European heavyweight king would triumph.

Valdes repeatedly held and this brought discontent to the spectators who shouted at Referee Henderson, imported from England, to force the Cuban to quit those tactics, but he didn't listen to the shouting.

Neuhaus won the first heat on clean hitting and the second round was fairly even but the third went to Valdes. Neuhaus had a huge lump under his left eye and Valdes played for it, even using his head.

The end came in the fourth round. A left hook did the trick. It was the first time that Neuhaus had ever been put to the canvas and crowd went wild. The spectators couldn't believe what they were seeing.

The arena was in an uproar. Neuhaus was up at eight, but was dazed and had no defense. He walked right into a barrage. A right hook caught him on the side of the face and he went down again. He tried desperately to get to his feet but it was too much for him.

Nino was too strong and good for the German who apparently was not ready for such opposition. But he's a good fighter and should be able to make a comeback.

In a lightweight championship fight of twelve rounds, Werner Handke, the holder of the title, won on points over Ludwig Petri. Ansell Adams, Trinidad, was outpointed by the German heavyweight, Hugo Salfeld in 8. Helmut Hoehmann, Stuttgart, lost on points in six to Herbert Glaser of Castro-Rauxel in a welter contest. Willi Schagen of Holland won on points in 6 rounds from Guenter Sladky of Dosten in a heavy bout and Siegfried Burrow of Datteln beat Paul Chomintowski of Hamm, in 4 rounds.

At Bremen on November 14, Franz Szuzina of Bremen and Al Mobley of U. S. drew in six. They are middleweights. Walkowiak of Bremhaven, was stopped in 5 by Miska of Solingen. Besmanoff of Biemethaven, outpointed Baumann, Duisberg, in six. Zetzmann of Stuttgart, outscored Spitzkopf of Hamburg, in six.

Paris, France—Gert Mueller of Dusseldorf was stopped by Herbillon of France in the second round. Hans Schomig of Schweifurt drew in six with Theo Medina of France.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

THE past month was one in which a number of upsets took place. Foremost was the kayo defeat of Heinz Neuhaus of Germany, European heavyweight champion, by Nino Valdes of Cuba. In my judgment this puts Karel Sys above Neuhaus as the ranking European heavyweight since Karel is a better fighter and more active. Unfortunately, due to the annual rating of boxers in this issue, Continental and British Empire ratings are not listed separately as heretofore. They will be resumed in the next issue.

Caulet's win over Khalfi and the showing of Louis Carrera against Percy Bassett of the States added to the month's interest in boxing. Marcel Limage got whipped by Fontana and brilliant Franco Festucci retired from boxing. Robert Cohen at last became the official French bantam king and Cossemyns upset Louis Skena. Famechon, Loi, Sneyers and Dumesnil were the month's stars. Here are the month's leading results:

Casablanca, Morocco—The local Bohbot brothers starred at a good show in this Moorish boom-town, with Charlie belting out an Italian flyweight called Franco Lombardozzi in five and young Hanania losing out to the classy Italian feather, Sergio Milan, over ten.

At nearby Oran, in Algeria Robert Meunier was ruled out towards the end of round ten for repeated butting, and his opponent, Marc Cuneo, was thus awarded the verdict after getting the better of the fight, anyway. Cosime Pezzuto, Italian flyweight hope, iced Abdelkado Touibreguera in two and Robert Garcia bested the Gibraltese bantam, Peter Chico, over ten.

Cuesmes, Belgium—Emile Delplanque, Belgian flyweight king, flattened Alex Van Damme in the third and Marcel Scherens halted Henri Lassois in the fourth heat of a welter melee.

At Antwerp, Harry Mino made a return to action by fighting a draw with the rugged German welter, Helmut Birk.

Amsterdam, Holland. Henk Van der Zee, excellent Dutch bantam comer, coasted to a nice win over the Belgian star, Alex Bollaert, and won easily over ten rounds.

Henk Klok outscored the Dutch feathers king, Jan Maas, and thus wil get a title shot soon. Leen Jansen stiffened Herbert Escher, German middle, in round four and Piet Van Klaveren, kid brother of famous Bep, nodded Elie Trefois of Belgium, in a lightweight eight.

At Rotterdam, they brought poor Harry Mino in with the American bogey-man, Charley Anglee, who crushed the Belgian in six rounds.

Brussels, Belgium. Louis Van Hoeck got the better of André Clabec, promising French feather, over ten rounds.

At Charleroi, Ray Souply was too nimble for Sylvain Theérouse and whipped the French lightie over ten, and Roger Delabassée trimmed the Franco-Armenian, Pierre Sarkassian, in another lightweight sesh over eight.

Madrid, Spain—Flyweight Young Martin gained a simple win over the oft-defeated Jesus Rubio, in eight rounds, and at Barcelona, Antonio Diaz defeated Jose Martinez in a bantam eight.

La Spezia, Italy. Two ex-champs clashed here. Gino Campagna started his comeback with a victory over Giovanni Manca. The latter butted open a severe gash above Campagna's eye in the fourth round and was ruled out. Campagna was well ahead.

In Milan, Cesar Lawniczak, the fragile but stiff-clouting French middle, won over Mario Savoldi in eight.

At Pesaro, young Claudio Rossi outslugged the Roumanian veteran, Mario Falescky, and the fight was stopped in round seven.

Bari, Italy—The fans howled the place down when Gaetano De Lucia was given only a draw with Renato Matteoti after a hard lightweight eight. De Lucia was all over his opponent. Vittorio Fuiano nodded Nino Manconi in a welter eight and Colaianni drew with Giovanni Ceci in a feathers six.

Paris. Serge Gazard won easily over Emile Bethan in a bantam six at the Stadium, and in two welter bouts, Arredondo drew with Condolo and Smail iced Milcent in three.

At the Central Michel Hermier trimmed Marcél Beaumais in a welter eight.

At Chatou, Dante Bini got the whip hand of Marcel Mathieu in a close bantam ten.

Valence, France—André Roustan, highly-touted local welter, drew with Dejllloud Bousmar over eight, and Belmel Boudrau, flyweight, whipped Georges Galliana over six.

At Montrouge, René Valignat whipped Carapezzi on points.

At the Elysee-Montmartre Club, Bachir Cheraka stopped Roger Gade in the eighth round of a hard welter slam and Marius Dori outslammed the Alsatian welter, Walter Lembgen, in eight. At Annecy, Simon Perillat scraped home winner over the tough Polack, Roman Dabrowsky, in a welter ten.

Paris. At the Central the Parisian lightweight king, Guy Gracia, was again impressive, this time halting the robust Ray Dumoutier in eight. Said Kecir checked Roger Busata in the seventh frame of a flyweight scramble.

Ostend, Belgium—Al Bernard, lanky Flemish heavyweight comer, took less than one round to dispose of the modest German, Norbert Saplon. Helmuth Birk, of Germany, belted out Jo Verbrugh in the sixth heat of a middles encounter.

Paris—Big night at the Palais des Sports, where Robert Cohen officially became what he has been for a long time—French bantam No. 1, by defeating the national title-holder, Maurice Sandeyron, over fifteen rounds. Cohen set the pace and held it, winning nearly every round. The two buddies Jacques of the Gandon stable were also there—Jacques Dumesnil got the edge over Jacques Bataille in a modest feathers ten and Jacques Dugenie beat Simon Girardot in a welter six. Hilaire Pratesi battered Bernard Celestini to defeat in four rounds, bantams.

Milan—Gianni Zuddas outscored the negro bantam, Jimmy Zale, over eight and Duilio Loi defeated Sandy Manuel, a lightweight hailing from Britain. Giovanni Alfonsetti was again feeling explosive, and he demolished the French cruiser, Alex Ceremonia, inside four rounds. Enrico Macale drew with Jean Dubois in a feathers eight and Umberto Vernaglione bested Mario Ursini in a welter eight.

Bari, Italy—At this seaport town, Gaetano De Lucia reversed a previous defeat by knocking the spots off Felice Gallo and trotting home a neat points winner in a lightweight ten.

Rheims, France—Jacques Herbillon continued his shattering progress by stiffening the German lightie, Gerhard Mueller, in two rounds before a large crowd. That was the local boy's ninth kayo win this year. In the welter tourney semi-final, Bernard Michel whammed out Robert Jacques in six. Claude Lapourielle halted Saad Ouldami in two.

At St. Bricuc, Francis Coeuret returned to action with a good points win over the blond Norman heavy, Robert Masson, in ten, and Louis Perrigault was held to a draw by Gaston Langlois in a welter eight.

At Lisieux, Guernallec outpointed Theo Nollet in a lightie ten and at Tiaret, Cosimo Pezzuto, Italian flyweight, drew with Abdessalem in eight.

Paris—At the Mutualité, Hoacine Khalfi had to extend himself fully to get the better of Francis Bonnardel in a pleasing lightweight ten. Gaston Meulebrouck thumped out a points victory over game Christian Lunand in a middle ten.

At the Salle Wagram, the Belgian feathers king, Louis Cabo, proved too experienced for the youngster from Condé, and was declared to have drawn after a good ten-rounder dominated largely by Cabo. Edouard Ptak nodded Gerard Laurent in a lightweight eight and Meslem whipped Turillon in a feathers six.

Damascus, Syria—Jacques Hairabedian continued his pushover campaign in the Middle East by trouncing the Syrian giant, Fati Turec, in two rounds.

Marseilles, France—Ray Grassi was in excellent form here against the young British feather, Denny Dawson, who was unable to continue the fight after battling for five rounds. Dawson did not answer the bell for the sixth frame. Dawson showed a load of courage but took seven trips down below. Michel Aubignat outscored the local middle, Tony Feliciano, in ten and Makridis iced Almaric in the opening stanza of a welter scrap.

At the Paris Central, Serge Cauliet triumphed over Jean Martinez in the second round of their welter fray.

Narbonne, France. Herman Lewandowski, an obscure German bantam, won over Emile Chemama here—by disqualification! Chemama dropped the visitor in the third and clouted him again as Herman was regaining his feet. Theo Medina was held to a draw by blond Hans Schoemig, another German bantam, over ten.

Liege, Belgium—The new European feathers king, Jean Sneyers, did not rest on his laurels for long. He appeared at this large industrial centre against the Italian bantam, Amleto Falcinelli, and took every round of their ten-round battle. Michel Clavel drew with Jean Paternotte, the Belgian lightweight comer, and in a cruiser slam, Jean Corhay forced the Dutch veteran, Pierre Doorenbosch, to retire in round seven.

Sens, France—Frank Hermal, the rugged lightweight who hails from round about this town, easily whipped André Surier, in ten. At St. Lô, former battlefield, Hubert Oberon whipped Maurice Bouvet in a middles ten and Bob Tartari outfought Jo Martin in a bantam eight.

Carrara, Italy—Aldo Pellegrini had another soft touch dished up to him when he tackled the Roumanian heavy, Andre Moumoloff, who was disposed of in two rounds.

Paris—Fans protested at the Central when René Lacaze was declared winner over the tough Italian welter youngster, Franco Vescovi, after ten rather even rounds.

A few days later, at the same venue, Marcel Dupré was too strong for Lucien Chapel and won their lightweight eight with elan.

At the Stadium, Mohamed Smail continued his run of wins by trouncing Ferrec in a welter six, whilst Serge Gazard boxed a neat win over Sniatecki in another welter meeting.

Douai, France—Ray Famechon treated the seamen here to a fine display of boxing against lightweight Jean Labalette, who was indisputably beaten on points after ten excellent rounds. Ildephonse Warusfeld, promising cruiser star, bested the much heavier Robert Masson over eight.

At Amiens, young Jacques Bataille gave his supporters reason for rejoicing by stopping game Pierre Carrara in the ninth round of a furious feathers melee.

At Le Havre, Bruno Marostegan returned to action with a drawn bout against blond Gil Ussin, in a welter ten, and in another welter dispute over eight, the mulatto Van Putten likewise shared honors with Jean Julien.

At Arques, Roger Facqueur stopped Augustin Ussin in the fourth round, and brother Regis won over Harival, both welter matches.

Bremen, Germany—Franz Szizina was far from impressive when he battled to a disputable draw with America's Al Mobley, after being handed a boxing lesson by the Negro for ten rounds. Ernst Zetzmann nodded Amandus Spitzkopf in a welter eight and William Besmanoff won well over Hans Baumann in a cruiser six. Claus Miska kayoed Bruno Walkowiak in the fourth of a lightie duel.

Dortmund, Germany—It was truly a black day for Germany when the Cuban heavyweight threat, Nino Valdes, was lined up as opponent for Heinz Neuhaus. The Cuban made the most of his height and reach and laid on repeatedly in the opening rounds, while Neuhaus roared in wide open with his sizzling swings. Suddenly, in the fourth round, Valdes dropped the tubby Heinz with a left hook for "eight", and a minute later finished off the European champ with a humming right. The crowd rose to acclaim the happy Cuban who had so clearly shown up the German's limitations.

In another heavyweight slam, strong Hugo Salfeld battled his way to a popular victory over the Trinidad Negro, Ansell Adams, over eight rounds, and in a cruiser bout, Holland's Willy Schagen defeated Guenter Sladky in six. Werner Handke retained his German lightweight title against Ludwig Petri, who appeared listless and lacking his usual drive. Guenter Hohmann drew with Herbert Glaeser in a welter six and Siegfried Burrow outdistanced Guenter Chomuntowski in a middles four.

Milan, Italy—Here again, there was sensation. At the Palazzo dello Sport, Tiberio Mitri came through with a very unusual type of victory—he laid Cesar Lawniczak out cold after just under two minutes fighting. The French middle is no ace, but Mitri has never won so quickly before. Franco Festucci was taken the full distance, however, by Henri Entringer of France, in another middles ten. As a result of the criticism he received after this fight, Festucci has decided to retire!

Duilio Loi edged the clever Belgian lightie, Joseph Janssens, in ten, and Calzavara decisioned the Spanish cruiser, Jesus Ortugar, in six.

St. Nazaire, France—Charles Colin looked good in whipping the strong German cruiser, Winnfried Henne, in a hard-fought ten. At Chalons-sur-Marne, Jacques Herbillon was again in action, once more against a Mueller. This time it was Albert Mueller of Germany who had to stand up to the French southpaw's torrid clouts. With a damaged arm, Herbillon had to let Albert last the ten rounds. Maurice Hautois drew with Vaillant in a bantam eight.

Paris—André Valignat was surprised by the deaf-mute, Italian bantam king young Mario D'Agata, who held the Frenchman to a draw after ten rounds. Dan Desmeules whipped Lemaire in a feathers eight.

At Biarritz, André Vercoutter upset young André Drille by whipping the local middles hope.

Charleroi, Belgium—Ray Souply won by a narrow margin over the French lightweight, Rene Bolivia, over ten, and José Peyre, Belgian heavy, nodded another Frenchman, André Cosnefroy, over six.

San Severo, Italy—Felice Gallo got the better of Julian Staccini in a fast lightweight eight, Cesena. Local fans roared their disapproval when the national middles champ, Widmer Milandri, had his hand raised at the end of ten rugged rounds against the German veteran, Theo Imbsweiler.

Brussels, Belgium—Pierre Cossemyns once again confirmed his high class by thoroughly outpointing the European flyweight king, Louis Skena of France, over ten rounds.

A new Belgian heavy named Charville laced Jordan, France, over six and young Frans Wahl, welter hope, stopped a Spaniard, Marcello Gonzales, in seven rounds.

Simon Ayankin, French cruiser, beat Victor D'Haes in eight and Ivano Fontana of Italy shook the locals by trimming Marcel Limage over ten.

Paris—At the Central, Laouari Godih, the Algerian wonderman, continued his run of victories by outpointing the rugged Frank Hermal in a lightweight ten. Marcel Merle drew with Lopez in a lightie eight and Dioniso whipped Roy in a flyweight eight.

At the Winter Palace in Lyons, Joseph Roude gained a close win over the Negro cruiser, Don Ellis, in a good ten, whilst Mario Ciccarelli showed his old verve by knocking out Roman Dabrowski, tough Pole, in the third round of a lightweight slam.

Grosseto, Italy—Altidoro Polidori retained his national feathers crown by giving out a nifty lacing to Nello Barbadoro over twelve rounds here. Franco Giannini bested Arghenini in a feathers six.

Kaiserslautern, Germany—Max Schmeling drew a large crowd by appearing here on a bill which headlined Joseph Kellhoffner, powerful Lorraine middle, against Werner Teuscher. The Frenchman won over eight, after a great battle. Karl Pinsdorf drew with Jarich of France in a lightweight eight and Klein won over Werner Abele in a lightweight six.

Barcelona, Spain—Bobby Ros, up and coming young feather, became the new Catalan champion by deposing the title-holder, José Galiana, over ten rounds.

Ghent, Belgium—André Piens was returned winner over the French bantam, Pierre Gress-Gyde over ten rounds, and the Minneapolis Negro, Mel Brown, bobbed up after a long absence, celebrating his return by stopping Prosper Beck in the seventh heat of a cruiser argument.

At Fourmies, Henri Chebaut, French cruiser, drew with Luigi Domenico, Italo-Belgian scrapper, over eight, and Andre Lefin, French welter, checked Barbiaux in the seventh.

At Bruges, Louis Cabo defeated the German lightie, Alois Brand, in ten, and Willi Gelhaar, of Germany, flattened Roelands in the second frame of another lightie discussion.

Angers, France. Ray Famechon did not impress in his winning ten against Senegalese lightie Morlay Kamara, for Hilaire Pratesi was more to the public's taste, stopping Ali Graichi in the second frame of a bantam set-to.

At Caen, Jean Ruellet did enough to gain a draw with Paolo Melis, but saw the laurels go to the Italian after a very even welter ten. Marcel Assire, blond middles hope, was also held to a draw, by Michel Aubignat over another ten rounds.

At Oran, Algeria, another poor exhibition was given by Emile Chemama and Robert Meunier, who fought a draw over ten rounds here. It was Marc Cuneo who rescued the good name of boxing by stopping the Italian Fiorani, in the third frame of another bantam dispute.

Paris.—At the Stadium, the brothers Podevin were in evidence. Jean, a lightweight, defeated Turillon over six and Henri, a feather, whipped Marcos in six.

At the Central, Jean-Claude Poisson laced Julien Alazard in a middles eight.

Wuppertal, Germany.—Peter Mueller, still operating with a temporary license, was again triumphant, this time forcing the tall French middle, Marcel Colussi, to retire just before the sixth round started. Hans Strelecki caused a mild stir by icing Hans Bauman in the second frame of their cruiser slam and Emil Koch achieved another victory by stopping the Franco-Polish middle, Kaczmarczyk in five rounds. Claus Miska halted Serge Lamotte in the seventh heat of a lightweight feud and Herbert Escher checked Paul Chomuntowski in the fourth session of a welter scrap.

Rome, Italy.—Antonio Borraccia whipped Antonio Ladisi in a lightweight six and Aristide Dal Piaz drew with Vannes Benassi in a middles eight at one of the smaller halls.

At Civitavecchia, Luigi Malé was surprisingly beaten by Stefano Bellotti over ten rounds in a semi-final eliminator.

Two French visitors got rough treatment at Como, where Walter Garbelli busted open Albert Boris's eye but the French welter lasted the distance to lose over eight. In another welter eight, Franco Livio bested André Guyon on points.

Paris.—At the Salle Wagram, Idrissa Dione deposed Robert Guivarch from the welter throne, and became a popular champion with the press but not the public. Seraphim Ferrer checked Ouraou in the opening sesh of their lightweight encounter and Jacques Dugené shared the honors with René Lacaze in a good welter eight.

Rotterdam, Holland—The new batch of Dutch stars were in fierce form on this occasion. Dynamic middle, Leen Jansen, slammed André Vercoutter to the deck for the full count in round four. Henk Van der Zee was aggressive for the Belgian, Emile Delplanque, who was taken out of action in the eighth of a bantam clash. Frits van Kempen is no more a hopeful, but he too battered Leon Martina, the Italo-Belgian, out in two rounds and Piet Van Klaveren crushed Fernand Mathys, Belgian lightie, also in two rounds.

Liege, Belgium—Joe Woussem, local feathers hope, obliged Pierre Sarkissian to retire in the fourth round of their battle here, with a cut eye. In a good welter slam, Pierre Wouters stopped Gilbert Clausener in the eighth and De Souza obtained the only success of the visiting French team by drawing with Beria in a feathers six.

At Cuesmes, Juan Alvarez whipped his old rival, Louis Van Hoeck in a feathers ten.

Paris—At the Central, a good middles battle was put on by negro Constant Alcantara and Christian Lunaud over ten rounds, which ended in equality.

At Henin-Lietard, the home of Charles Humez, Edmond Moletto stopped Felix Vanderdonck in the third heat of a bantam slugfest, and Humez boxed an exhibition with Famechon.

At Bordeaux, Edouard Ptak halted Juan Rofas in the sixth by busting the Spaniard's lip open, whilst Jean Richaud trounced André Scotto, whose corner threw in the towel in round five.

At Dunkirk, Jacques Bataille scored another good win by clearly outfighting the Parisian, Jacques Legendre in a feathers ten.

Paris—Although defeated on points, losing nearly every round, it was a great night for Louis Carrara, having lasted the limit against the Philadelphian Flash, Percy Bassett. In his previous visit to France, Bassett had fairly shattered Ray Famechon and Auguste Caulet. Caulet himself was also on the bill, getting a lucky verdict over Hoacine Khalfi after a tremendous lightweight ten which gave the customers everything, skill, gore—the lot. Cherif Hamia made his pro debut, stopping Jean Demeure in the opening stanza of their feathers dispute, and the Italian welter star, Franco Vescovi, trimmed Valere Benedetto in a good ten.

Bruay, France—Francis Bonnardel turned in a good performance by holding Joseph Janssens, the progressive Belgian lightie, to a draw in ten.

At the Paris Stadium, Marcel Ranvial stopped Lefeuvre in the fifth heat of a feathers clash and Serge Gazard outscored Hautois in a bantam eight.

At the Central Club in Paris, Jean-Claude Poisson trimmed Serge Caulier in a middles eight.

At Valenciennes, Ray Seneca drew with Etienne Delannoit, the Belgian middle, and Jean Devisch, Belgian feather, whipped André Clabec in ten. Simon Grudzien stopped Jacques Cabot in the seventh and Gilbert Cabot iced Marius Zarodny in the first frame of a welter argument.

Luxembourg—Werner Wiegand has started on another pushover campaign after that quick defeat by Robert Eugene, and this time the tall blond put paid to a fellow-German, Hannes Scherbaum, in the third round of their heavyweight affair. Luigi Domenico of Belgium was too clever for young Jempy Bentz, new local cruiser, and won over six rounds.

St. Jean de Luz, France—Because the timekeeper allowed 20 seconds extra for the eighth round, Spanish featherweight Jacinto Santin was able to knockout his opponent, Lucien Meraint, Elgart beat Rose in a welter six.

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By Kok Lit Yoong

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BOXING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

By Harlan Haas

RINGSIDE CLUB, Houston.—Promoter Ralph Smith put on three eights and a four at the Ringside Club on November 3, and local fistic followers were treated to some bangup action. In the top eight, Henry Luera, 125, Houston, gained an eight round draw with aggressive Bobby Garza, 128, Corpus Christi. A lot of leather was thrown, with the local boy closing fast to make things even.

In another eight, the double tough Burt Kinney, 140, Omaha, pounded out a well earned decision over another tough guy, Jesse Hernandez, 140, Corpus Christi. Both heavy hitters with iron jaws.

Ringside Club, Houston.—In a very good ten round fight, Dick Brown, 195, Oklahoma City, pounded out a win over Chief Alvin Williams, 175, Wichita. It was close all the way.

In the semi-windup, Stan Jones, 153, Houston, banged out a six round decision over the heavier Sport Harvey, 180, San Antonio. It was the ninth win of the year for Jones, who was "Prospect of the Month" in the November issue of this publication.

Ringside Club, Houston.—Four eights were featured at the Ringside Club on November 17, bringing together some of the area's top thrill providers. In the top eight, Houston's little atom, Baby Alaniz, 120, won convincingly over Celso Hidalgo, 120, Los Angeles. The pint sized but powerful punching Alaniz dropped Hidalgo with a right to the heart, and a left hook to the jaw at the close of round one.

Lorenzo Garcia, 136, Houston, made a successful return to local wars after fighting for six months in the Toledo area, by scoring a three round t.k.o. over the capable George Easterling, 138, Port Arthur. It was a good scrap until the Port Arthur youngster was unable to continue because of a badly cut eye.

Danny Cardenas, 150, Los Angeles, outscored the rugged Burt Kinney, 142, Omaha, in a crowd pleasing fight. Cardenas employing a shifty style was impressive in edging the popular Omaha slugger.

In the opening eight, the veteran Otho Sligar, 140, Houston, stopped Baby Valdez, 149, Eagle Lake (also Luling and L.A.), in the fifth round.

Ringside Club, Houston.—In a great ten round battle, Earl Keel, 170, Oklahoma City, dropped a unanimous but close decision to the fast moving Harvey Fellon, 165, New Orleans. Fellon's speed was the deciding factor. The lanky Indian boy started fast, and had a slight edge through the fifth round. The crowd liked this one, and a rematch is a strong possibility. After a five month layoff, Tobe Harris, 156, Cut and Shoot, returned to action by taking a close six round decision from Robert Martinez, 158, San Antonio. It was the first time the country boy from Cut and Shoot has ever worn shoes in an amateur or professional fight.

Ringside Club, Houston.—Putting on one of the finest all around performances of boxing the writer has seen during 1953, Paul Jorgenson, Port Arthur's great little sharp shooter, pounded out an eight round decision over highly regarded Lorenzo Garcia.

Jorgenson scaled 135, the heaviest he's weighed since turning pro eight months ago. Garcia came in at 133.

In an action-packed five rounder, Tobe Harris, 155, Cut and Shoot, outhit the tough Robert Martinez, 156, San Antonio, to take a unanimous decision. Tobe appears ready to go at top speed once again to take up where he left off last winter as one of this section's most promising and colorful middleweights.

REPORT FROM ARGENTINE

By Alfredo Porzio

(Luna Park.)—Ricardo Gonzales, 124, outpointed Alfredo Bunetta, 125.—(Parana City)—Eladio Herrera, 160, outpointed Rodolfo Diaz, 162.—(Bahia Blanca City)—Armando Rizzo, 137, outpointed Pedro Ganio, 137.—(Tandil City), Jose Sanchez, 130, outpointed Jose Sosa.

(Mar Del Plata City)—Eduardo Lausse, 160, kayoed in the third to Miguel Luchessi, 170.—(Luna Park)—Migual Rodriguez, 159, drew with Antonio Diaz, 164.—(Lomas Park)—Jose Romano, 159, drew with Dante Pereyra, 162. And Rainaldo Ansaloni, 182 stopped to Mario Perez, 190 in sixth.

(C. Rivadavia City)—Rafael Azuaga, 135, kayoed to Manuel Seson, 137, in nine.—(Rosario City), Juan C. Ayala, 123, drew with Alfredo Bunetta, 123.—(B. Blanca City), Miguel Rodriguez, 161, stopped to Lalo Landoni, 162, in four.—(Rosario City), Jose Balbi, 135, outpointed to Paco Martines, 133.—(Tandil City) Dante Pereyra, 159, outpointed to Alfonso Moreno, 152.—Mar Del Plata) Tito Yanni 162 kayoed to Juan C. Zeballos 162 in five.—(Rosario City) Pedro Miranda 124 TKO'd to Angel Parisi in five.—(Pampa City) Eleuterio Pereyra 150 outpointed to Roberto Garcia 158.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

At the Panama National Gymnasium "El Club De Los Tigres" (The Tigers Club) gave fans 28 scheduled rounds of boxing. It was a benefit card to raise more funds for the preparation of a Tomb and Monument for the deceased world's bantamweight champion "Panama Al Brown". The attendance was not up to mark, but we expect keener cooperation in future cards for this noble cause.

In the main bout, Luis Samuels, 144, knocked out Baby Hawkins, 141½, in 2:14 of the second.

The other 10 rounder brought together Rudolfo Francis, 122½ and Rudolfo Ampudia, 118. Francis won the unanimous decision.

Melanio Pacheco, 119, beat Alonso Chase, 124½, in a slow four rounder, and Edgar Miller, 112, punched his way to a victory over the Indian Baby Patrol, 112½, four.

RING NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F. O'Brien

FINEST heavyweight prospect seen in New Zealand since the early days of Don Mullett, is a 19-year-old Pacific Islander from Tonga, Kitione Lave.

Standing six feet tall, and turning the scales at 196, Lave has blasted a path clean through the ranks of New Zealand heavyweights. Not one of his six fights in this country has traversed the scheduled distance.

Lave arrived here, unheralded and unsung, in July last. Temporarily minus its leading drawcard, middleweight Jackie Hughes, the Auckland Boxing Association put Lave on its programme of July 20 purely on speculation.

The matchmakers must surely have congratulated themselves many times since on their move, for not since the war has the north unearthed such a drawcard. First opponent for the Tongan was un unknown immigrant from England, Peter Day, and Pete went over in the very first round.

Then came giant Bluey Allen, 6 ft. 5 in. redhead who had impressively won the national amateur heavyweight crown in 1951 and again in 1952. But Bluey, if he had the bulk, lacked the speed of the cat-like Tongan, and was torpedoed in the second round. Jim Hall, who had gone ten rounds with heavyweight champion Don Mullett in a title fight the year before, did no better. He, too, was blasted out of the picture in less than two rounds.

An awkward, tough Italian from Australia, Rudy Crivic, contrived to last seven rounds with Lave, exposing a few of the Tongan's defects in so doing, but he was caught up with in due course, after a particularly courageous comeback from the brink of disaster in the very first round.

Frank Farrington, a veteran, ring-rusty Australian, was flattened in a single session, and then came the long awaited Lave-Mullett fight.

This was a sensational affair, with the shrewd, 32-year-old veteran trying all his wiles on the dynamic-punching Islander. In round four, big Don was dumped on the floor for the first time in eleven years' professional boxing in New Zealand, but unlike the others, refused to stay down. Down again in the same round, Mullett came back to such an extent that he actually won the fifth round by keeping close to Lave.

In the seventh round, the pair were in close, with Mullett on the receiving end, when the big blonde New Zealander reeled away from Lave with a deep cut over his left eye.

The referee and ringside medico quickly decided that Mullett could not continue, and a new local rule was invoked which calls for the decision to be awarded to the boxer ahead on points if any fight is halted through *accidental* butts causing eye cuts. As a result, Lave was crowned winner on points.

The decision was assailed by the press, and by many onlookers, who contended that the cut was the result of a punch, and that Lave should have been crowned winner on a TKO. But the final say must always rest with the referee, and he was in the best position to see.

Kitione Lave is a novice on the score of experience, lacks in-fighting ability, and punches with the stiff arm, and no shoulder drive. But he is a natural fighter, a heavy hitter and amazingly fast mover for a big man.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA, Nebraska.—Burt Kinney has just returned from down Texas way where he was very successful in the Houston rings. He plans to go back after the holidays. Sammy Musco, former Omaha boxer, is training a pleasing youngster by the name of Johnny McCray at Houston, Texas. Received a nice letter from Billy Jay (Bill Tannehill), Nebraska lightweight champion, now stationed at Trieste with the Army. He has been a boxing instructor and may engage in a few professional bouts over there. Don Pershing (Sailor Burke) wants to thank all for the letters he received. If you haven't written him, then drop him a line. The address is Don Pershing, Box 315, State T.B. Hospital, Kearney, Nebraska.

Burt Kinney, Omaha, Nebraska welterweight, engaged in three bouts during the past month, winning an eight round decision over Jesse Hernandez at Houston, Texas. He then journeyed to New Orleans, La., where he dropped a six round decision to Al Vilafara and then came back to Houston, Texas, where he lost a close one to Danny Cardenas in eight rounds.

Kinney entered the pro ranks in June of this year and out of hs twelve bouts up until November, he has won six and lost six, but several of his losses were on split decisions.

Remember to get your news in my hands by the second day of each month. The writers address is 3414 So. 25th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

PAT LOWRY, 142, of Toledo, rallied in the last two rounds to score a unanimous decision over Sammy Rogers, 143, in eight rounds at Grand Rapids, Michigan. There were no knockdowns although Lowry had Rogers in trouble in the fourth, sixth and seventh heat. Rogers is from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The big news in this part of Ohio, is that several clubs will try to stage popular price shows with young fighters furnishing the action. Several years ago this was the means used to bring the sport back in Columbus, when the Old Jungle Imp A. C., with the writer as matchmaker, staged cards for three straight years every Monday night. It can be done again.

Perhaps one of the best appointments made by the Columbus Boxing Commission was that of Dr. Louis Lasick. Dr. Lasick has been a fight fan in Columbus for many years. He was recently named physician for the Commission. Dr. Lasick with his brother John are directors of the Lasick Hospital on Whittier St. in Columbus.

Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati, a leading contender for the lightweight crown, added Billy Hazel of Newark, N. J. to his long list of wins.

Pat Lowry, Toledo, welterweight, added Ralph Alvarez to his victims when he lowered the boom on the St. Paul battler in the sixth round at Detroit, Michigan, on November 18.

Holly Mims of Washington, D. C., gave Jimmy Welsh a boxing lesson in ten rounds at Miami, on November 23. The Washington fighter got started in the early rounds and set too fast a pace for his Columbus, Ohio, rival.

James Shea former fight promoter at Toledo, Ohio, passed away on November 28, at his home in Toledo. James, with his brother Jerry, staged boxing shows in the 20's. Their club was known as the Shea Brothers A. C.

Send your notes to the writer, P. O. Box 611, Sation G, Columbus, Ohio, before the first of the month.

BOXING IN MONTANA AND THE NORTH WEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

THE American Legion boxing club of Butte, Montana presented fight fans with a well balanced card on November 17. The feature event brought together the unbeaten lightweight star, Cisco Andrade of Los Angeles and Ralph Cervantes of Rockford, Illinois, in a terrific ten round affair. Although having the edge most of the way, Andrade had to keep hustling to get the duke over his game opponent from the middlewest.

Dick Sadler, Oakland fight manager who brought Williams, Coleman and Gaines to Butte from the city across the Bay, has a fine stable of fighters and it won't be surprising to see Dick and some more of his boys in Butte before long. Bobby Bickle, the Topeka, Kansas lightweight, might headline a Butte card soon, as will Santiago Esteban, rising young lightweight pugilist of Los Angeles via Walsenburg, Colorado.

With Maurice Egan, George Sterling and Lee Mains operating the newly organized Midland Empire Athletic Club in Billings, Montana, boxing will come back to the fastest growing city in the Northwest with Mel Epstein named as matchmaker. Freddie "Babe" Herman, who as a youngster lived in Billings, has possibilities of headlining the card with a good boy as an opponent. Jack Dempsey, the greatest piece of fighting machinery to ever walk this earth will be the guest referee of the opening card in Billings.

Seen at the ringside—John Cox and Joe Lyden, Dixie Lahood the old Butte bantamweight banger; Emmett Sullivan, assistant chief of Police; sheriff Bill Dahling, Mayor Tim Sullivan, Alfie Hurd, the boy with the heavy lungs; Doc Bowler, sports writer of the Helena Independent-Record; Billy Dugal, Missoula Sportsman and Spider McCullum, also of the University City.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

WALLACE SMITH, Cincinnati lightweight, just about cinched a title shot at Jimmy Carter on Nov. 5 at Newark, N. J., when he knocked out Billy Hazel in one sensational session. Hazel weighed 140 pounds, 3½ more than the Ohio boy.

Dayton, Ohio, has come back with a bang. Thanks to the vigorous work of President Charlie Pfeiffer of the Dayton Gym Club, two great shows have been staged in the Gem City with the likelihood of semi-monthly shows for 1954.

On the opening show on November 6, George Boddie, Dayton light heavy, earned a draw with Indianapolis' Rusty Cleek in the feature. On the November 20 show, sensational featherweight Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio, knocked out Eddie Cooper in three heats. Both shows were well attended, with the second an advance increase over the initial offering.

Local fans will well remember Pete Petroskey, the Muskegon middleweight who did his fighting chores for Mike Griffin back in the early 30's at the Freeman avenue Armory. Now Petroskey has come up with a good lightweight battler who may well advance into the top bracket of the 135 pounders. He is young Kenny Lane, who in his most recent fight defeated good Ronnie Stribling of Chicago.

Joe Basco, after a few months lay-off, is back in harness with several good fighters. My weekly boxing letter which sells for ten per year has many new subscribers. My promoters' and managers' new guide will be out January 10 for one dollar each. My address is 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

THE only boxing show of the month was an amateur show put on by the City Recreation Dept. The Louisville Boxing Team defeated the Evansville, Indiana Team 4-3.

The two outstanding amateurs on the card from Louisville were James W. O'Keefe, a light heavyweight, and Rich Keeling, a welterweight. Both of these boys will be strong contenders in their respective weights.

An Evansville boy who looked better than average, was a featherweight by the name of Jackie Fox.

Jimmy Dell Lovell who was an outstanding boxer and promoter here in Louisville was picked this month by Bruce Hoblitzell, the newly elected Sheriff, as his chief deputy. After being picked chief deputy, Mr. Lovell turned his newly organized boxing club over to Mickey Bream. Mr. Lovell has put in one of the best gymnasiums that has ever been in the City of Louisville and he has selected Freddie Eiler to run the gym for him.

Please send all boxing news to Joe Martin, 215 No. 35th St., Louisville 12, Kentucky.

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NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE Carruthers-Gault world title tilt is over and Jimmy proved himself in a class above his contender, by not losing a round. As I sent a full report of the fight to the Ring, I will not enlarge upon the course of the contest here, apart from stating that Carruthers has proved himself the greatest drawcard in the world, apart from Rocky Marciano. He drew 32,000 fans, at $22.22 tops, to witness his eclipse of Gault. As for Pappy and his likeable manager, Chris Cline, they are welcome any time.

Without wishing to boast, I take great pride in stating that I selected Carruthers to win the world title after his first professional fight. If you look through back copies of "The Ring," you will find such predictions about Jimmy after all his fights.

Australia has a new welter champion in George Barnes, who outpointed rugged Pran Mikus for the vacant title in Sydney after a hard fight in which George won clearly. Anyone who fights Mikus has to fight hard. Barnes, who has twice defeated Bud Smith at equal weights, is a fighter who would please all crowds, and if Kid Gavilan relinquishes his welter crown as he has threatened, then Barnes should be in an elimination tourney for the vacant world crown.

Australia's lightweight champion, Pat Ford, who also holds the British Empire title, in the opinion of Australians, had an easy night in Melbourne when he outpointed West Indian southpaw, Ivor Germaine. We notice Bud Smith's high rating in The Ring and we feel that Pat would have little trouble in beating Smith, having seen Bud in four fights in Australia last year.

Kid Dynamite and Alan Ritchie were the two busiest fighters last month. The Kid went in with Billy Herbert at Leichhardt and won when Billy was disqualified in the seventh round for butting. The two met in a return, this time in Sydney and again the contest ended in the 7th, only this time the Kid won by a K.O., the referee stopping the fight because Billy was not getting anywhere.

Again at Sydney, Dynamite won during the month when he halted Kevin James in the fifth. However, Kevin was unlucky. He sustained a cut eye and had to discontinue when he had the fight in his keeping.

In support to the James-Dynamite fight, Kevin Kelly, lightweight, outpointed Alan Ritchie, pushed-up feather. Previously Ritchie had outpointed Jim Shackleton in Brisbane in a close fight. Later he outpointed Johnny Gleeson, making a comeback, in a very close one at Sydney.

Queensland wild man, Don Bronco Johnson, made an appearance in his home state, when he knocked out Ace Chocolate in 7 heats. Then he made his initial appearance in Melbourne to outpoint Pran Mikus. This last one was a hard and close contest and marked the second time Don has outpointed Mikus—and the second time he has been taken the distance. Don, of course, is a middleweight.

The night following Johnson's win in Brisbane, he was to battle Alfie Sands in Newcastle, for Art Mawson, who is now in the promotional field. However, Don turned up with a bad hand and could not go on with it. Luckily Dave Clingan was around and he substituted. But he did not trouble Alfie, who won in the fourth round.

Newcastle was the scene of a real thriller a week later, when Alfie Sands met Freddie Dawson. It was a real knock'em-down-drag-'em-out affair, with Freddie winning by a K.O. in the 7th. The referee stopped it.

Trevor King knocked out Panama Flash in the 7th at Broken Hill and then skittled Johnny Wheeler at the same place and in the same round. Fans are asking when Elley Bennett will stake his Australian featherweight title against King, but Elley does not seem keen. This boy King is hard to beat—witness his record: one defeat in 50 fights—and that defeat was wiped out in a return.

There was a tragedy in Brisbane when lightweight Roy Chapman died following a points loss to Tony Fisher. Fisher is not a hard puncher, although the fight was a tough one.

Cec Meredith knocked out Don Furner in the third round in Brisbane for the vacant Queensland State heavyweight title.

Two good flyweight prospects engaged in a tough fight in Melbourne. They are Teddy Rainbow, who won on points, and Paul Prido. These two should soon be challenging Taffy Hancock for the Australian title.

John Wren, millionaire chief of directors of Stadiums Ltd., died in Melbourne at the age of 83. Wren rose from poverty to riches and his story is one full of drama.

Young Regan easily outpointed Filipino Ric Padernal in Melbourne. Padernal's stablemate, lightweight Alfredo Flores, was halted for the second time in Australia when he crossed gloves with Americo Agostini. The Italian migrant stopped him in the 12th round.

Mexican Julius Babyface Gutierrez has returned home without fighting Trevor King, with whom he was matched. The Mexican has knee trouble.

Graham Moffatt, junior welter, brought one from the floor to skittle Doug Thorpe in seven heats in Brisbane. Graham, who can always be counted upon to give action, fought a terrific draw with rising prospect Bob Sanders, in a preliminary to the Carruthers-Gault contest. This fight gained a shower of coins from the ringside.

Junior welter, Phil Warren, outpointed George Williams in Melbourne.

That is all this month. The writer can be reached at 24 Milburn Rd., Sutherland, N.S.W., Australia. And should any good welter desire to fight here, please drop me a line. But he must be good.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

BOBBY WHY, clever Los Angeles lightweight, won his second Honolulu fight when he gained a decision over Larry Cantiberos at the Civic Auditorium on November 17. The fight, scheduled for ten rounds, was stopped at the conclusion of the fourth round when Why, after being examined by the Territorial Boxing Commission physician, was declared unable to continue due to a deep gash over his left eye. Following the local commission rule, he was awarded the decision because he was leading on points at the time the fight was stopped. It was ruled that the eye gash was caused by an accidental butt by his opponent.

The scorecards of Referee Walter Cho and Judge Frankie Gomes after four rounds had the mainlander leading the fight by 5 to 4 and 6 to 4. The other judge, Sonny Valdes, scored it even at 6 to 6.

The fight proved extremely interesting while it lasted. Both fighters fought at a fast clip and appeared as if they would be able to continue at this rate for the ten rounds.

Cantiberos made the mistake of trying to slug it out with Why. Invariably he had to back away when he found himself getting the worst of the beating during the exchanges.

The one weapon which made all the difference was Why's versatile left hand. With it he jabbed, hooked and did almost everything to keep Cantiberos nearly always on the defensive. Moreover he not only threw more punches, more of his punches landed.

Announced weights for the fighters were Bobby Why, 134, and Larry Cantiberos, 132½.

The fight was promoted by Ralph Yempuku and drew 2,793 fans for a gross of $3,880.95.

Other results: Dickie Wong, 149, decisioned Eddie Williams, 149¾, of Tucson, Arizona, in the six round semi-final. Wong proved a little too fast for Williams, who proved to be a slugger pure and simple. Howard Baptiste, 159, was held to a draw by Vincent Medeiros, 150½, 4 rounds. William Mara, 125½, T.K.O'ed Danny Borero, 120, in the third of four. Newcomer Dan Santiago, 132, held experienced Placido Torres, 129, to a four round draw. Stanley Harrington, 145, chilled Linford Chung, 141, in the second round.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

DURING the month of November, three boys of La Laguna invaded the ring of the Arena Coliseo in Mexico City, and the writer is proud to mention that they obtained clear victories, which is a demonstration that the boxing standard of this region is as good as that of any other part of the country. On November 14, Humberto (Hamlet) Carrillo, featherweight champion of La Laguna, in his first fight in Mexico City, easily outpointed Pepe Montes. On the 25th, Cesar (Chino) Saavedra, another product of this region's rings, won a clean-cut decision over Roy Hernández, and in the semifinal of the same program, Manuel Muñoz, native of Torreon, technically knocked out Chucko Olmos in five rounds.

Welterweight champion of La Laguna, Mario (Milonga) Conde, suffered another setback in his campaign at the border, when Ray Pérez, knocked him out in four in Juárez, Mexico, on November 25.

Results of other fights during the month, were as follows:

Nov. 5—CLUB OLIMPICO, Durango:—Salvador "Kid" Mares, 128, won a close decision over Angel (Zorrito) Aldama, 122, in 12 rounds, obtaining the featherweight championship of Durango. In the semifinal, Little Cuban Torres, 119, decisioned Felix (Firpito) Gaytán, 117, in 10. In another match, Relámpago Name, 140, scored a technical knockout over Joe Davis, 130, in four rounds.

Nov. 6—ARENA "LA ROSITA", Torreón:—Otilio Galván, 119 flyweight champion of México, TKO'd Cuban Manuel Armenteros, 120, in seven, who suffered a severe cut on his left eyebrow. In the semifinal, Manuel Muñoz, 134, scored a KO over Indio García, 133, in three rounds.

Nov. 10—RENA "OBRERO", Torreón:—César (Chino) Saavedra, 132, easily defeated Enrique Estrada, 132, by KO in six. Alfonso Flores, 139, won a decision over Arturo López, 137, in the 10-round semifinal. Jorge Valverde, 117, a promising prospect, knocked out Salvador (Chicharitos) Ruiz, 116, in three rounds.

Nov. 13—ARENA "LA ROSITA", Torreón:—Lucio (Borrachito) González, 118, bantamweight champion of La Laguna, clearly decisioned Lino Botello, 119, from Mexico City, but the judges saw the fight different and ruled a draw. Felipe Sosa, 126, scored a knockout in the semifinal, over Serapio (Sapito) Jiménez, 119, in four.

Nov. 17—ARENA "OBRERO", Torreón:—The famous veteran fighter, Kid Azteca (Luis Villanueva), 152, former welterweight champion of Mexico, appeared in Torreón for the first time and easily kayoed Salvador (King-Kong) Dávila, 150, in four rounds, with a terrific left hook to the midsection. Old Azteca proved to be still too good for the majority of welters and middleweights in the country. In the semifinal, Referee Nato Chavarría declared a no-contest when unjustly threw out of the ring Chavy Vázquez, 131, and Domingo Hidalgo, 133, in the fifth round. Pedro (La Dolorosa) Piña, 126, possibly the best puncher at his weight in La Laguna knocked out Rafael Vázquez, 125, in three rounds.

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EDMONTON, ALTA., CANADA, BOXING NEWS
By Thomas V. Deugau

Edmonton amateurs engaged in lively bouts early this month. The sport is well followed in this sector and the bouts were productive of keen action. A twelve bouts card was staged by the South Side Edmonton Branch of the American Legion of the British Empire Service League and if what was seen by the fans is indicative of what may be expected in the future, then such affairs will be welcome here.

Jack Wallace, 158; Walter Durling, Bob Billingsley, Ronald Lutz, Brian Kotcharsky, Roland Shaw, Leigh Falkenberg, Joe Haire and Johnny Atchison were the winners of their respective contests.

CURACAO BOXING NEWS
By L. Koeiman

A LARGE crowd turned out to see the show of our new promoter, Clarens G. Fraites. In the ten round main event, Ismael Espana of Venezuela easily defeated Bull Golkes of Trinidad. Bull was dropped seven times and his handlers then called a halt in the ninth round.

Undefeated Young Joe made a punching bag out of Dinamite Junior in the eight round semi wind-up. The end came in the seventh when Joe opened up and smothered his opponent, who hit the deck and was counted out.

Kid Zoro won over Young Sandy Saddler in six. Kid Armstrong lost to Terror Arabe in four. Humberto Campos was halted by Kid Richard in the first and Kid Paco stopped Young Charles in two.

Managers interested in coming to our country write to A. Cooper, De Jongh Straat 4.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

BOXING has picked up in various sections near Chicago the past month. Milwaukee, Wisconsin had a great show as did Fort Wayne, Indiana, but here in the windy city, we are still without a weekly club. This is something very unusual. Promoter Irving Schoenwald Chicago's only individual promoter who holds a license goes with spot shows about once a month. Television is responsible for this as it is impossible for a promoter to gamble his chances at the gate anymore unless he has a television sponsor who is footing the bills such as other large organizations have. The I. B. C. has now arranged a working pact with Schoenwald.

At Milwaukee, Nov. 10th.—At nearby Milwaukee, Frank Balistreri and Irving Schoenwald put on a good card featuring Harold Johnson, number one lightheavyweight contender meeting Henry Hall, of New Orleans. in a ten round event. Johnson, a top rated fighter, proved why he is in high regard by outboxing his foe most of the way.

On the undercard, Terry Book, 128, Milwaukee, won a one-sided bout by stopping his best opponent to date. He knocked out Curtiss Orr, 129, Chicago in the 4th round. Book has now won seven of eight bouts, only losing a close one to Davey Moore, former Olympic champion, since turning professional.

Nunzio Ferara, Milwaukee middleweight had his comeback ruined when he got kayoed in the fifth round by Johnny Brown, 150, Chicago. Dick Powell, 127, Chicago, won a slam banger in four rounds from George Reed, 128, Milwaukee. Powell looked real good in winning his second professional bout. Jimmy Hackney, beat Ray Jefferson, in six rounds.

Dick Brewer, beat Carmen Caputa, in the four round opener. About two thousand fans turned out to see the bouts which were televised nationally. Barney Ross the former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world was the third man in the ring for the Johnson-Hall fight, and it must be said that he did a wonderful job. Davey Moore, the Springfield, Ohio featherweight, former Olympic and National A.A.U. Bantamweight titleholder, has a nine and one record. Ted Ordanik, his manager is ready to take on the top featherweights for his charge.

At Fort Wayne, Indiana.—At Fort Wayne Coliseum, before a crowd of 2,863 fans, Jed Black, 142, Janesville, Wisconsin, won a ten round decision over washed up Ike Williams, 151, Trenton, New Jersey. It was Black's 23rd victory, but his first ten rounder.

Other results, all scheduled for six follow: Spider Webb, 159, Los Angeles, won over Candy Andy Anderson, 157½, Indianapolis. . . . Chuck Adkins, 141, Gary, Indiana, beat Eddie Brant, 147, Dayton Ohio. . . . Joe Turvell, 178, Indianapolis, won over oft beaten Ted Alexander, 192, Chicago. . . . Tommy Bane, 124, Indianapolis, knocked out Elmer Britt, 129, Chicago, in the third heat. . . . Wilbur Robinson, 139, Chicago, knocked out Bobby Singleton, 139, South Bend, Indiana, in 2.

The International Boxing Club brought another world championship bout to Chicago, this time for the world welterweight title. Kid Gavilan, the hawk meeting Johnny Bratton of Chicago. Nat Fleischer, Ring Editor, flew up from Buenos Aires, Argentine to cover the fight. His story appears in the January issue.

Here are the complete results of the undercard on the Gavilan-Bratton contest:

Paul Andrews, 173, beat Gordon Wallace, 162, in a slow six spot. Andrews was much too clever for the awkward Wallace. Phil Rizzo, 156, knocked out Adrian Hefel, 150½, Detroit, in the 4th heat. Tommy Maddox, 141, Chicago, avenged a previous defeat and beat Stonewall Jackson, 144, in six frames. Maddox looked real good in this bout. . . . Charley Cotton, 148, came back to the wars to knock out Billy Sudduth, 151, in four rounds. Cotton, a rated fighter is just out of the service, and is seeking to regain his national rating. Every top writer from all parts of the world came out to view and report the big fight.

Juan W. Copeland, our fellow writer from Colon, Republic of Panama has been named chief adviser to the boxing commission in Panama. Copeland recently had a poem he had written placed in Hyde Park Library by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The poem was written by Mr. Copeland in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Republic of Panama. Nice Going, Juan.

Your writer has received many letters the past month from fans around the United States asking what is in store for them in the way of top bouts for the year of 1954. Most of these letters are from fans who watch television or go to see the fights in person. To answer this, I can say truthfully that fans are in store for some great bouts the coming year. Read The Ring's review in this issue.

Incidentally, if you are a TV fan, get a copy of The Ring's TV Annual, the finest book gotten out by any on boxing and television. 96 pages of invaluable material, including several hundred pictures, biographical sketches of fighters you have seen and will see on the home screens, sketches and photos of the leading TV announcers—in fact anything you can think of relative to boxing and television, is in that Annual. It's something worth saving.

An Outstanding Fighter Of The Month: Rocky Casillio, young and willing two fisted welterweight who journeyed to New York to knock out Danny Giovanelli and become a serious threat in the welterweight division. Jack Begun, his manager, has moved Rocky up the hard way, accepting the tough assignments. The January Ring has a good story on Rocky.

ABOUT TOWN: Seen at Johnny Coulon's Gym, Johnny vacuuming the ring. Johnny does this every day in order to keep the ring clean as well as the floor. This was the first time your scribe ever saw a ring floor vacuumed in a gym. Johnny is very popular here in the windy city. . . . George K.O. Brown, former middleweight contender still makes the Sherman Hotel in Downtown Chicago his headquarters. Babe Baron still operating his Ford Agency. Issy Kline, not looking too good since his brother was stricken with a heart attack. Sammy Mandell, former lightweight champion, is seen teaching youngsters at the local gymnasium. . . . Frankie Frisco still occupies his spot at the corner of State and Randolph.

November 20th—At Dayton, Ohio.—Davey Moore, 126, Springfield, Ohio, now fighting out of Chicago, scored a knockout in three rounds over Eddie Cooper, 128, Louisville, Kentucky, in a featured eight round event. Moore dropped his foe for the count with a short right on the chin, making this his tenth win in eleven professional starts. The card was packed full of action. A crowd of 850 fans piled into the Dayton Gym Club to see professional boxing come back to Dayton.

In the prelims, Walt Peterson, won a decision in five rounds over Rusty Cleek, of Indianapolis. Both are middles. Morris Moss, of Dayton knocked out Jack Doutsly in three heats. Jack Gatoff of Louisville stopped Tony Johnson, Columbus, Ohio in the first round, and George Boddie, 153, Dayton, kayoed Don Rocco, 148, Louisville, in the second heat. Promoter Charles Pfieffer will run his shows twice monthly. Ted Ordanik, of Dayton, along with yours truly are awaiting the decision of Nat Fleischer, editor of The Ring Record Book, regarding an unjust no-contest decision in a bout involving Davey Moore and Chili Bean Prado in Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently. Prado was knocked onto the ring apron injuring his back and was unable to continue in the third round. The referee saw fit to call the bout a no-contest due to loose ropes. This writer claimed the bout belongs to Moore on a knockout. The Michigan Athletic Board of Control upheld the referee's decision, but added that the records would be adjusted not to affect either fighter.

Your correspondent wishes you all a very joyful holiday season, and best wishes for 1954. For information on Chicago boxing, contact this writer at, 1006 Dakin Street, Phone, Uptown 8-5050, Days, and Lake View 5-1723, Nights, Chicago, 13, Illinois. Enclose postage for an answer.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

WITH boxing activities being rather slow in St. Louis during the fall and winter and local followers of the fistic clan having to get their boxing from TV, two local St. Louisians are undertaking a major boxing promotional venture which includes thirty-nine weekly televised club boxing shows from St. Louis. Sammy Crowe, a St. Louisian who holds a boxing promoter's license in Missouri's two largest towns, St. Louis and Kansas City, will act as promoter while Arthur Liebert, who handles Jesse Turner, will carry out the duties of the matchmaker.

Arrangements are being completed for the new powerful (500,000 watts) TV station KACY which has its transmitter located at Festus, Mo., and which is operating out of St. Louis to carry the fights direct from a mid-town location.

It was Crowe who promoted the Murphy vs. Welch bout at Keil Auditorium in St. Louis and the double main event card in Kansas City which pitted Jesse Turner against Gus Rubicini and Bobby Bickle against Dave Shade.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By Charlie Longo

WATERVILLE, MAINE—Tommy Tibbs, 135, Boston, kayoed Sammy Funtino, Montreal, in the second round of a ten round main bout.

Claude Fortin, 146, Montreal, outpointed Dave Grant, 147, Boston, (6). Roger Dennis, 146, Waterville, outpointed Bobby Labbe, 144, Lewiston, (4). Maurice Manny, 138, Quebec, outpointed Jimmy Wilkie, 135, Boston, (4). Jimmy Ladd, 135, Auburn, outponted Larry Gould, 130, Dexter, (4).

Fall River.—Harold Gomes, 122, Providence, TKO'd Bobby Chabot, 127, Fall River, (5). Stoney Gaudet, 129, Hartford, Conn., TKO'd Vic Pare, 125, Fall River, (2). Don Southern, 143, Newport kayoed Norman Shaw, 145, Fall River, (2). Joe Arruda, 142, Fall River, outpointed Rickey Ferreira, 140, New Bedford, (4).

Boston.—Willie James, was awarded a 12 round decision over Willie Wilson, of Providence, in which James successfully defended his new England heavyweight title.

In the prelims: Joe Grimard, 162, Bath, Maine, defeated Don Lambert, 161, New Haven, (8). Eddie Andrews, 154, Lowell, KO'd Mike Kelley, 153, Boston, in the first round. Aleck Brown, 204, Philadelphia, defeated Lou Thrascher, 187, Boston, (6). Windmill Willie Gray, 152, Boston, KO'd Joe Gomez, 148, Providence, (5).

Fall River.—Ben Miloud, 135, of French Morocco, won a split ten round decision over Houston Brown, 134, of New York, at the Fall River Casino. Billy Brown, 158, Fall River, won a five round technical knockout decision over Allen Turner, 159, of Brockton, in the scheduled six round semi final.

Worcester.—Curly Monroe, 135, Worcester, TKO'd Rueben Davis, 134, Philadelphia, in the 3rd round of a scheduled ten round main bout at Mechanics Hall. Alexander Brown, 197½, Philadelphia, outpointed Jimmy Tendo, 206½, Chelsea, (6). Frankie Ross lost a tough one to Dave Grant, of Boston when the fight was stopped due to a cut on Frankie's nose. Ross was out in front when he got a bump in the fifth round.

Jimmy Mattos, 148, Lawrence, outpointed Jimmy DeForest, 144, Fisherville, (6). Mario Sarro, 155, Worcester, outpointed Vince Brown, 155, Providence, (4).

Boston.—Sauveur Chiocca, won a unanimous decision in 10 rounds over Charlie Slaughter, of Westfield, New Jersey. They are lightweights.

Pierre Hernandez, 147, outpointed Emerson Butcher, 146, Chicago, (10). Chiocca, and Hernandez hail from Paris, France.

Arthur (Red) Davis, up-and-coming Irish lightweight, scored a TKO over Billy Sheridan, of Portland, Maine in 44 seconds of the fourth round. This was a six. Buddy Cochran, 143, Somerville, knocked Vince Brown, 147; Providence, (2). Eddie Andrews, Lowell, 153, outpointed Dave Grant, 151, Boston, (6).

Boston.—Curley Monroe, 137½, Worcester, Tommy Tibbs, 130½, Boston, in the main bout of 10 rounds at Mechanics Building. Joe Grimard, 164, Bath, Maine, TKO'd Charlie Goulart, 154, Somerville, (4). Johnny O'Brien, 157½, Somerville, won a TKO over Paul Cashman, 159, Middletown, Conn., in 2.10 of the third round after flooring Cashman five times. Buddy Corcoran, 144½, Somerville, outpointed Johnny Palladino, 149, Middletown, Conn., (4).

Rocky Leone, 132, Dorcester, outpointed Al Smith, 128, Boston, (6).

Wilbur Wilson, 22 year old Roxbury welterweight, showed vicious punching power when he stopped Tommy Varsos in the third round of the feature bout at the Callahan A. C. before a slim gathering of 1008 fans. The Milwaukee battler was flattened with a right flush to the jaw and went down backwards, his head striking heavily against the boards. He had to be dragged to his corner where he received medical attention. He couldn't continue the fight and according to Massachusetts rules the bout was recorded as a third round kayo.

Willie Gray, 153, Boston, outpointed Don Lambert, 160, New Haven, Gray scored a knockdown in the first. The bout was a six rounder and Gray won the unanimous decision.

The preliminary results:

Rudy Hilson, 141½, Boston, knocked out Joe Carr, 147¼, Somerville, in 2:24 of the third of a scheduled four. Johnny O'Brien, 156¾, Somerville, stopped Mario Sarro, 153, Worcester, in 59 seconds of the third of a slated four.

Rocky Leone, 131½, Dorchester, scored a split decision over Arthur (Red) Davis, 130½, Roxbury (6). Rocky Sullivan, 140½, Boston, scored a TKO over comebacking Jerry Zulle, 139, Chelsea, in 1:41 of the third of a slated six.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

PROMOTER Benny Trotta's Arena A.C. presented a double ten round feature at the Baltimore Coliseum with a sparse gathering witnessing an action packed show. Both of the bouts ended in bloody affairs with Tony Longo, 128¼, of Baltimore, stopping Jimmy Cooper, 127, of Washington, at the close of the seventh round, while Bert Whitehurst, 190, Maryland heavyweight titleholder, stopped Jimmy Vines, 215, of Washington, at the close of the third heat. Both of the Distirct of Columbia lads suffered bad cuts. Vines subbed for Ted Lowry and made a creditable showing for a lad who had but three previous pro bouts.

Longo, who had recently been discharged from the Army, fought the best bout of his career. Tony Celano, 134½, remained undefeated by stopping Billy Francis, 139, via a cut eye at the end of the third. Jackie McGlynn, 150, kayoed Marty Hodges, 145½, in the third stanza, while comer Joe Sanchez, 203, Baltimore, T.K.O'ed Al Williams, 176½, of Washington, in the second round of four-round opener.

Johnny Cunningham, Baltimore welter, who upset Jimmy Carter, world lightweight champion at Miami a couple of months ago, came a cropper in his next outing at Toledo where Carmen Basilio stopped stout-hearted Johnny in the fourth heat. Cunningham and Don Braun will meet for the welterweight title of Maryland shortly.

The Maryland State Athletic Commission has adopted the National Boxing Association ten point scoring system. Under the plan, the winner of each round will get ten points, while the loser will get anywhere from one up to nine points.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By Lewis Eskin

THE state A.A.U. boxing championships got under way at Newark's Laurel Gardens. The big upset in the first round was the win scored by Golden Gloves lightweight champion, Bobby Fossmire, of Rockaway, over Jimmy Leeves, of Newark, in 139 pound class. Other Open class winners were Vernon LaMar of New Brunswick in the 156 pound class, and Harold Traver of Cranford, in the 165 pound class.

The sudden death of Joey Costa, former Jersey City lightweight, shocked all who knew him. Costa was only 46. A crowd-pleasing performer, he fought from 1927 to 1939. He fought over 60 bouts and defeated among others, Joey Greb, Eddie Zivic, Harry Carlton, Lew Feldman, and boxed draws with Johnny Curtin, Orville Drouillard, Steve Smith. He also faced Lou Ambers, Wesley Ramey, Billy Beauhuld, Tommy Spiegel, Eddie Cool and Lou Lombardi.

Vince Martinez's win over Chico Vejar was the big news in the out-of-state bouts of Jersey fighters. In other bouts, Charley (Doc) Williams lost a disputed decision to Bob Baker, James Parker beat Edgardo Romero, Bobby Moore beat fellow Jerseyite Gary Garafolo, Gary also lost to Billy Mayo, Johnny DiGilio defeated Billy Murphy, Sonny Luciano lost to Willie Pep, Pete Adams was held to a draw by Allie Gronik, Charlie Slaughter lost to Sauever Chiocca, Jimmy Walls beat Cesar Bolin and Ollie Wilson, Bill Gilliam beat Colin Chaney, Char McGarrity beat Bobby DuFour, Ike Williams lost to Jed Black. Charley Williams made a game showing before being stopped by Willie Troy, Tim Jones defeated Curtis Bruce, and Charley Smith lost Bobby Fenty.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH, Al Certisimo, Hoboken welterweight. Al, a protege of "Cowboy" Joe Luciano, is undefeated in five fights. He is a strong, aggressive fighter who can punch.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—Laurel Gardens, Newark—Danny Rubino, 158, Hoboken, finished strong to outpont Johnny Darby, 152, Pompton Lakes, in eight rounds. Darby had an edge during the first two rounds.

Tim Jones, 160, Plainfield, easily defeated Sonny Day, 154½, Newark, in a slow six rounder. Al Certisimo, 140, Hoboken, scored three knockdowns as he whipped Don Cheatum, 134, Newark, four; Larry Crawley, 145, Westfield, defeated Bobby Tweed, 150, Paterson, four, and Nicky Gadson, 135, Elizabeth, halted Johnny Small, 133½, N.Y.C., in the second.

In a wild and wooly slugfest, young Harold Carter, 186, Linden, outlasted Ike Thomas, 191½, New York, to win by a kayo in 57 seconds of the second round. Ike decked for a eight count and took a bad beating during the first two minutes of the opening round, lashed out with a left hook that floored Carter for a count. Both were groggy at the bell. The slugging continued in the second, until a left hook to the jaw finished Thomas.

In a bloody bout, Al Robbins, 146, Bronx, stopped Al Maye, 143, Brooklyn, in the third. Curtis Bruce, 157½, Newark, halted Jack McCarthy, 158, Brooklyn, 2; Johnny Fisher, 152, Lyndhurst, kayoed Art Johnson, 149, N.Y.C., 1, and Otis Woodard, 154, Memphis, Tenn., defeated Emerson (Chief) Charles, 152, Paterson, 4.

Felix Redondo, 139, Bayonne saved by the bell in the first, down for a eight count in the third, rallied to win the last five rounds as he punched his way to a decision over Earl Dennis, 137, New York City in eight rounds.

Baby Beau (George Seabrook) Jack, 123, New York City and Georgie Allen, 121, Paterson went six fast rounds to a draw. Rinzi Nocero, 157, had too much class for Otis Woodard, 152, Memphis, Tenn., 4, Walter Weiss, 133, Malden, Mass. stopped Guy Roma, 135, Newark at the end of the first due to a cut eye, and Gene Johns, 151, New York City outscored Bobby Tweed, 147, Patterson, 4.

18 year old Harold Carter, 190, Linden, proved that his kayo two weeks ago before over Ike Thomas, 192, was no fluke, when he stopped the 188 pound New Yorker in 1:38 of the fourth round in their return match. Unlike the first fight there was little free swinging and no knockdowns.

In a slow six round semi, Don Cheatum, 134, Newark got a decision over Charley Drexler, 139¼, Bayonne. Tom Kilby, 163, Orange halted Buster Oliver, 165, Asbury Park 0:32 of the 4th. Bobby Burns, 143, Long Island City, edged out Billy Mendell, 145, N.Y.C. 4, and Stanley Micheaux, 155, Rahway beat Andy Figueroa, 150, N.Y.C. 4.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

BOBBY ELLIOTT, the Miami and Louisville crowd-pleaser, and Manager Sam "The Mumbler" Sobel, can both now breathe with relief. Bobby is one of the hard luck boys in the boxing game, a good little scrapper whose arm, broken and re-broken, kept him on the sidelines for a long spell. But against Baby Joe Diaz, of Tampa, Elliott's arm withstood the big test as the Bobcat technically knocked out the swinging Cigar City lad in the fifth round at Jacksonville on November 17. A bad cut on Baby Joe's nose from an Elliott left hook necessitated the halt.

Our scorecard showed Bobby in the lead mainly by digging his right in the loser's ribs. Diaz made it interesting and frequently caught the winner with swinging lefts and rights to the head. Weights, Elliott, 149, and Diaz, 144½.

The semi-final, a sixer with promising Petie Ridgway, of Miami, and Frankie Leach, of Daytona Beach, in opposite corners went to Ridgway by an unanimous decision. The classy kid controlled the bout from start to finish. They're lightweights. Eddie Sherman, 162, St. Mary's, Ga., scored a sx round decision in a corking good fight over Al Akin, 165, Vero Beach. Little David, or Davey Seabrooke, 135, Jacksonville, grabbed a four rounder from Ulysses Washington, 137, Daytona Beach, and Dale Ferris, Jacksonville lightie, outclassed Chuck Weldon, 131, Indianapolis, in four. Only a small gathering appeared for Promoter Irving Kaye's inaugural fight card here but he made friends by the good show. Hymie Levine served as matchmaker.

Prospects are excellent for Miami having two championship bouts this season. Promoter Jim Norris, I.B.C. head, expects to co-promote proposed Rocky Marciano-Danny Nardico heavyweight and Archie Moore-Joey Maxim light-heavyweight title tilts, respectively, in February and January.

Promoter Joe Schaefer has two Ray Arcel TV fight shows coming up in Miami this month. Phillies Cigars is sponsoring the first two, which are to go on the ABC network. Schaefer's matchmaker, capable Jimmy White, is one of the best in his field. Meanwhile, Schaefer is planning on a million dollar sports palace in Miami Beach.

A return fight between Baby Williams, of Havana, Cuba, and Irish Bob Murphy, of San Diego and Milwaukee, brought out 2,925 customers at Tampa, November 24, and for nearly six rounds they pounded away with gusto. The dog-eat-dog repetition of their first fight had the customers reeling from the start. Williams came out ahead again when a bad cut from Murphy's left eye sent Bob to the sidelines and the Cuban was awarded a T.K.O. in the sixth.

A rhubarb ensued by an announcement that the fight was called a technical draw. How the fans dissented! They didn't know until the following day that Major Joe Givens, of the Boxing Commission, reversed it to a technical knockout. The mystery is, how did Announcer Bill Sallade get the "technical draw" deal.

In other bouts, Al (Kid) McCoy, 158, of Macon and Tampa, beat Jose Fuentes, 155, Havana, in eight. Aman Peck, Tampa, won a sixer from Baldwin DeVoe, 160, Nassau. Peck also fights out of Augusta, and he weighed 154.

Al Akin, 178, Daytona Beach, kayoed Bill Kilgore, 182, Deland (not Miami's Billy Kilgore), and Ulysses Washington, 150, Daytona Beach, drew with Connie Gray, 158, Washington, to a four round draw. (You will notice at the top of our column, two boxers appearing on this card, Al Akin and Ulysses Washington weighed 165 and 137, respectively their approximate weights, in Jacksonville on the Bobby Elliott–Baby Joe Diaz show November 17th. How could they swell up in one week at Tampa?)

Chris Dundee trusted in his luck once too often. As a result of this confidence, the Miami Beach promoter produced so putrid a "main event" between Billy Gilliam and Colion Chaney that customers looked for the exits in the sixth heat. Gilliam went on to win a split duke after ten effortless rounds. Maybe Dundee visioned in Chaney another Charley Doc Williams who so rudely handed Nino Valdes a tough scrap though losing in ten to the Cuban, who previously punched out a tenner over ex-heavy champ Ezzard Charles.

Williams hadn't fought in 19 months until Chris got him for Valdes. Chaney hadn't fought for a year and his opponent was to have been Tampa's Cleveland "Cleve" Williams, but Williams pulled out a day ahead of fight time, claiming illness. He was suspended.

Gilliam, big, slow and fat, weighed 210 and he comes from East Orange, N. J. Chaney, a policeman from Indianapolis, tipped 190. A lesson for Dundee not to dig up "semi-retired" fighters. Let them exhibit comeback wares elsewheres. He owes that much to the fight faithful who have kept boxing alive in Miami Beach. He had 1,827 for this one, on November 17, 1953.

Undercard to the Gilliam–Chaney go: Bo Willis, 193, Miami, escaped with the eight round semi-final, narrowly winning over Claude Rolfe, 193, Tampa, in the best of the fights that night. Rolfe went down twice but came back strong in the last round. Larry Boardman, 129, Marlborough, Conn., whipped Georgie LaMelza, 132, Philadelphia, in six. Rocky Randell, 134, Tampa, beat Johnny Pape, 138, Miami, in six. Yama Bahama, 151, Bimini, T.K.O'ed Harry Lee Irwin, 145, Miami, in one.

Ushering pro boxing into Fort Lauderdale after an absence of several years, Chico Vejar, former Stamford, Conn., welterweight contender, and Irish Ronnie Harper, of Parkersburg, W. V., headlined a fight card here on November 7th with Vejar boxing his way to an unanimous 10 round decision. A surprising crowd of 1,802 paid a gross total of $3,410, far above expectations.

Harry Braelow, 154, Miami, knocked out Tommy Hatcher (not Jimmy Kid Hatcher). The end came in the second round after Hatcher caught a left hook. He had Braelow in difficulty before bowing out.

Billy Prince, 160, West Palm Beach, kayoed Paul Romero, 158, Miami, in the second. Tony Necro, 149, Warren, Ohio, whipped Johnny Pape, 146, Miami and New York, in a five rounder. Larry Boardman, 133, Connecticut youngster, defeated Frankie Leach, of Daytona Beach, in another fiver. Ray Rice, Miami Beach, and Rocky Barosa, New York, tried to settle their street fight at Miami Beach, in the ring this time but after four rounds they emerged all even. This is the first time either had been in the ring. Two ex-champs, featherweight Willie Pep and middleweight Jake LaMotta, refereed two prelims each and Billy Regan, boxing coach at the University of Miami, was third man for the semi and main events.

All the fanfare of Elmer Blair went up in smoke as Hoyt Nunnally put the quietus on the 1953 Fort Benning welterweight champion in the first round of their main event tangle at this Government post early in November. Blair subbed for Jackie O'Brien who could not get off his post. Nunnally, a middleweight under Frank Hartley, planted a hard right in the pit of Elmer's stomach and that was the damage. The winner, from Atlanta, weighed 148 and Blair, 152.

The six round semi went to Jimmy Haigy, of Fort Benning, a decision over College Park's Kid Carrecter. This was a return affair. A four rounder went to another Benning boy, Earnest Hall, over Henry Harper, of Atlanta. Hall's pro debut was marked with heavy hitting. His left hooks counted much in winning. Jimmy Lewis, of Columbus, threw too many punches for Bobby Davis, of Atlanta, and won the four rounder. Chick Liddell promoted, at Fort Benning, Ga.

Apologies to Sylvester Jones and to his friend A. Dembro, of Jersey City, N. J., who sent in this correction. In our last Ring column we stated Cleveland (Cleve) Williams, of Tampa, suffered his first pro loss at the hands of Sylvester Perkins on the Rocky Marciano–Roland LaStarza heavyweight championship card. Dembro quickly sent word that Williams lost to Sylvester Jones, not Sylvester Perkins. Again our apologies and a big thanks for the correction.

Holly Mims, the Washington, D. C., middleweight who in our book would make the best middles step some, looked the 4–1 favorite over Jimmy Welch in gaining an unanimous ten round decision over the Columbus, Ohio, scrapper at Miami Beach on November 24, 1953. Mims scored the only knockdown of the fight, sinking a left in Welch's tummy in the seventh for a nine count. He came in at 155¼, and Welch, putting up a nice scrap, at 155½.

Andy Mayfield, 160, and Jimmy Morris, 159, both Miamians, drew in eight. Petie Ridgway, 135, Miami, repeated a previous win over Frankie Leach, 130, Daytona Beach, in six. Larry Boardman, 132, Marlborough, Conn., also repeated a victory over Georgie LaMelza, 133, Philadelphia, in six. Johnny Guberia, 140, McAllen, Texas, T.K.O'ed Johnny Pape, 141½, Miami, in the second heat when Pape's cut nose bled freely. Chris Dundee promoted. The attendance 2,243 and the gate $5,016.

Joe "Duffy" Harrington, former Jacksonville fight manager, informs boxing will be resumed at Key West under promotion of Johnny Nebo, brother of Florida's fighting Seminole of several decades back, Pete Nebo.

West Palm Beach opens its season as this column goes to press and featured on top are Willie Pep, former featherweight boss, and Davey Allen, of Miami.

There's still much left in Willie Pep, though no longer is he the featherweight champion of the world. Sonny Luciano, of Paterson, N. J., and Miami, found this out at Charlotte, N. C., during November. Pep was master all the way in wrapping up the 10 round decision in the headline bout here.

Joe Jones was the opponent for Ralph Pearson, of Macon, at Columbus during November and according to Frank Hartley, who sends in reports from that area, about fifty paid admissions were all that could be enticed. Pearson won by a T.K.O. in the second round of the top tilt. He tipped 150½ and Jones, from Birmingham, 155.

Jackie Bennett, of Fort Benning, whipped Jimmy Craven in the semi-eight. Bennett is actually George Hoppe, and his body punching helped him win over the fast-closing Craven. Johnny Burke, Turner Air Force Base, floored Jack Daniel in the third and fourth and stopped him with body blows in the latter round. Daniel is from Birmingham. James Elliott, of Macon, decisioned Bobby Milton, of Sylacauga, Ala., in a six.

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BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By Jack Levinson

OUR welterweight amateur champion of Virginia, Emmett Gurney, has embarked on a professional career in the middleweight class. He scored his 2nd pro victory since leaving the University of South Carolina. He won a unanimous decision over Billy Christiano of Detroit, in the feature bout at Columbia, S. C., in an eight round bout.

Virginia's only professional show last month was presented at the Legion Auditorium in Roanoke. Approximately 1,800 fans witnessed the card. Mis-matches and substitutions dulled the boxing interest and attendance. I nthe feature, Eddie Marshall, 175, of Capital Heights, Md., faced Jesse (Tiger) Jones, 174, of Philadelphia, Pa. In the early part of the opening round, Jones put on a fancy dance. Then when Marshall threw the first punch at Jones, Jones dropped to the canvas. After taking a 9 count, Jones arose, danced a bit more, then dropped again without being hit and Referee Walt Buckner called a halt, declaring the bout a "no contest" affair.

Stanley Davis, 122, of Charlestown, W. Va., won a one round K.O. over Homer Abernathey, 125, of Lynchburg, Va. Puggy King, 118, of Silver Springs, Md., stopped Henery Taylor, 118, of Chapel Hill, N. C., in 2:15 of the second round. Bulldog Rutterford, 170, of Roanoke, Va., won a 6 round decision over Bobby Lawrence, 162, of Durham, N. C.

Ronald DePriest, of Roanoke, Va., won his second pro bout by scoring a T.K.O. win over Johnny Rooney of Capital Heights, Md., in 2:34 of the second round.

Roy Wirt, 153, of Roanoke won a unanimous decision in 4 rounds over Eddie Alexander, 155, of Danville, Va.

The amateurs were kept busy during the past month. Algy Cohen, matchmaker of Virginia Beach's Lion Club, had an excellent card that gave the fans plenty to talk about. The action was fine. Likewise at the show staged by Coach Al Gibbs at the Fleet Park in Norfolk. He had five All-Service series that was witnessed by a big crowd. The bouts were well contested.

Boxing news is welcome. Send in what you have. My address is 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va. I would like to hear from Emmett Gurney.

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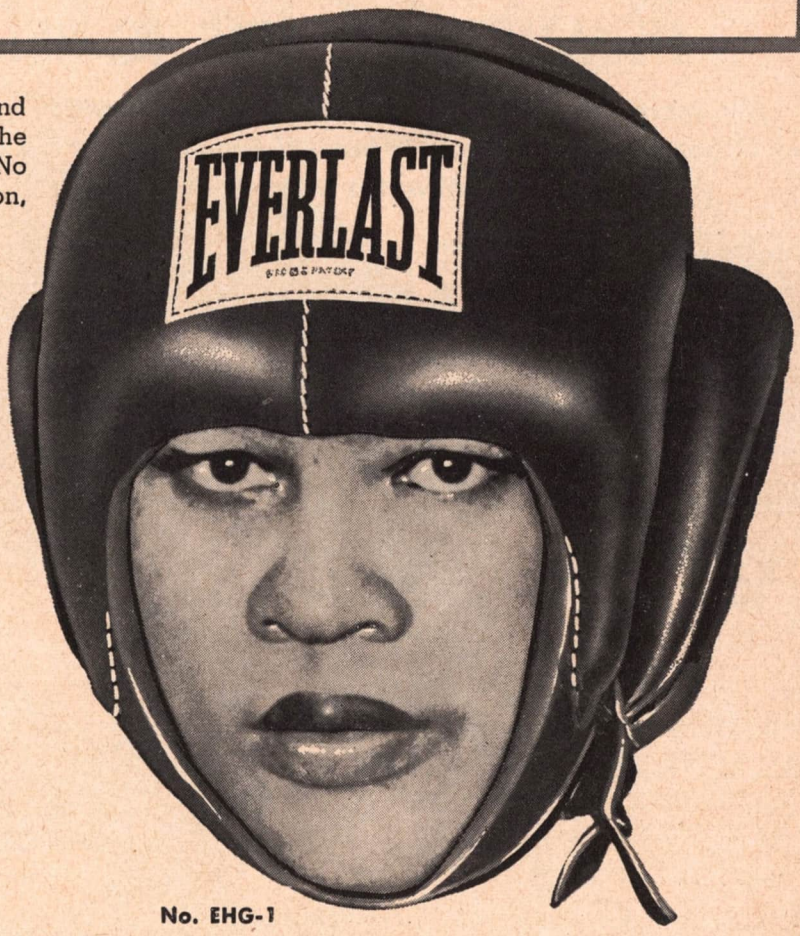

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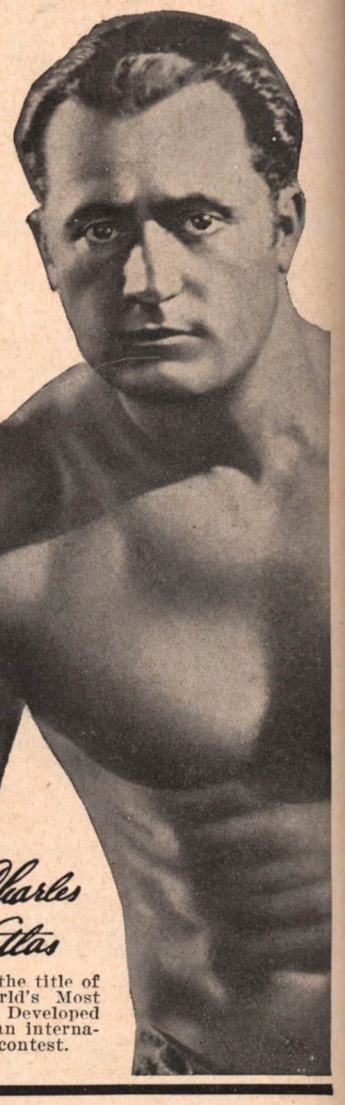

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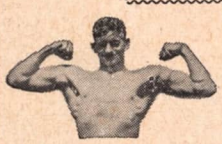

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